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MONDAY, AUGUST 25, 1862.

☞ We this morning publish an address from General James S. Jackson to his constituents, announcing the vacation of his seat in Congress by the acceptance of a commission in the army. The gallant General expresses the hope that his constituents will approve the step he has taken. In this he can hardly be mistaken; for, though in his resignation they lose an able and faithful Representative, the country gains a soldier of the highest order of valor, of energy, and of skill. The step is one on which his constituents in common with the rest of the country may be fully congratulated.

General Jackson, we should add, arrived in this city last Saturday morning, under orders from General Buell, and yesterday morning left with General Nelson for the field in the interior of the State. He is now where loyal Kentuckians have long desired him to be, and where his thorough knowledge of the situation and the universal confidence with which he is regarded eminently fit him to be. Maybe add to his splendid gifts as a soldier the crowning quality of fortune.

☞ Jim Smith, who commanded the guerillas in the attack at Edgefield Junction, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, was certainly killed. A member of Gen. Nelson's staff, who knew him well, informs us that he saw his dead body. In the fight, forty members of the 59th Indiana infantry, having their position in a stockade, repulsed four hundred guerillas. Every man of the forty showed himself a hero. The names of the whole number, we are told, have been taken by General Nelson, and their heroism will have its speedy reward.

On the same day, upon which this gallant and successful resistance was made and this glorious victory won, a hundred and eighty Federal soldiers, stationed in a stockade at Munkoe's creek, received an attack from the same band of guerillas, and, after firing two rounds, surrendered. What a contrast between the conduct of the heroic forty and the not heroic one hundred and eighty. The latter, to be sure, are said to have been without a commander, but, if they had been cool and resolute and brave, they could have beaten back the guerillas with great slaughter. There may have been no treason or downright cowardice or their surrender, but there was discredit in it. Any true man would rather have lost an arm than have been concerned in it.

As for the disgraceful affair at Clarksville, our military authorities are expected by an indignant people to punish it with the utmost promptitude and severity. Mercy or forbearance in such a case would be miserably out of place. The prisoners captured by the guerillas at Munkoe's Creek and Clarksville, like those previously captured at Gallatin, all gave their parole without hesitation not to bear arms against the rebel cause until regularly exchanged. This giving of paroles is a violation of a late order of Gen. Buell and will not be tolerated. There is no reason why men taken by the guerillas should accept their discharge upon the parole of not taking up arms. Even if they were to refuse, the guerillas could not bear them off as prisoners but would have to choose between releasing them and putting them to death, and they would scarcely venture to do the latter. At Gallatin, Munkoe's Creek, and Clarksville, the guerillas paroled nearly a thousand Federal soldiers, placed them in other words upon the list of non-combatants, and, if this wretched paroling business were allowed to go on, every guerilla band might go about mustering our soldiers out of service faster than our civil and military authorities could muster them in. To take paroles may be pleasant enough to fellows who want pay for fighting without fighting, but it doesn't at all suit the people who want the rebellion put down and submit to taxation that the work may be accomplished.

It is a scandalous thing that Col. Rodney Mason was entrusted with the command of our troops at Clarksville. He is a poltroon. This was known many months ago — more than a year ago. He was at Bull Run. His own men changed him with seeking a place of safety during the fight, and some of them asserted, that, to their personal knowledge, he buried himself behind a log. His name became a by-word throughout his regiment. None supposed that he would ever presume to make his appearance in open letters again. But he persuaded Gov. Dennison, of Ohio, to appoint him to the command of another regiment, promising, that, at the first opportunity, he would wipe out the foul stain upon his name. His next battle was at Shiloh, and there at the first fire of the rebels, he started and ran for his life, followed by his regiment. Gen. Sherman charged him openly with base cowardice. He should have been court-martialed and punished, and we cannot understand why he was not. But, instead of that, the miserable coward was entrusted with the important command at Clarksville, and we see the result. In the name of heaven and earth, how long shall such things be?

☞ It is stated that all such of Pope's officers as were captured at Cedar Mountain are kept in solitary confinement at Richmond and allowed only bread and water. We should like to know what our Government is doing about it. If it were to do nothing, it of course wouldn't be fit to remain a Government.

☞ Horace Greeley has addressed a letter of complaint under his own name to President Lincoln through the New York Tribune. If Father Abraham wishes to reply, the columns of the Louisville Journal, though much crowded, are open to him.

☞ In one month from this time, the flag of our country will wave over Charleston—or at least over the spot where Charleston now is.

COL. NETTER'S MOUNTED INFANTRY.—The gallant Netter, whose regiment of mounted infantry is not yet quite full, has received authority from the Military Board to fill up his corps. He has already five or six full companies, and will receive additional recruits at Hartford, Ky., until the ranks are full. Col. Netter has already won distinction in the present war, and he will earn other and brighter laurels. Those who enlist under his banner will share those honors with him.

☞ We learn from Frankfort that all mounted men will be received which offer during the next thirty days. Each one who furnishes his own horse will receive an allowance of forty cents per day, and, in case his horse should be shot in the service, he will be remunerated for the loss, provided the compensation shall not be fixed at a sum above ninety dollars.

☞ As apropos to the Pecksniffian memorial sent by the Liverpool shippers and merchants to Earl Russell complaining because their ships, laden with arms and ammunition for the rebels, have been seized in the Bahamas by our watchful war cruisers, the New York Times relates the good story Sidney Smith used to tell of a friend of his who, when Finchley Common, the favorite preserve of highwaymen, came, in the progress of improvement, to be inclosed, and the footpads lost the opportunity of exercising their gallant vocation, proposed to draw up for them a petition to the House of Commons, running somewhat after this wise: "We, your loyal highwaymen of Finchley Common and its neighborhood, having, at great expense, laid in a stock of blunderbusses, pistols, and other instruments for plundering the public, and finding ourselves impeded in the exercise of our calling by the said inclosure of the said Common of Finchley, humbly petition your honorable House will be pleased to assign to us such compensation as your honorable House in its wisdom and justice may think fit." This petition is the very parallel of the Liverpool memorial, in which the smugglers of articles contraband of war say they "view with considerable anxiety the *hostile attitude* assumed by the Federal cruisers in the Bahama waters;" and think, with their Finchley prototypes, that if allowed to go on, "very disastrous consequences will ensue to your memorialists and other merchants and shipowners!" And they pray, just as the indignant footpads did, that steps may be taken to "protect" them and "put a stop" to these mad-some Yankee cruisers! With the Times, we can freely forgive Earl Russell for all his gammon about the stone blockade, and give him a large margin for future abuse of the Americans, in return for his very capital rejoinder to the Liverpool memorialists, wherein he replies that all they say of their losses in the pursuit of their efforts to aid their friends is doubtless true, but adds that the true remedy is for them to "*refrain from this species of trade.*" He furthermore completely justifies the vigilance of our cruisers, and concludes by reminding the memorialists that it is "the duty of Her Majesty's subjects to conform to Her Majesty's Proclamation, and refrain from furnishing to either of the belligerent parties any of the means of war which are forbidden to be furnished by that proclamation."

This is well and justly said. "It is," as the Detroit Free Press forcibly remarks, "an unqualified admission, by a high officer of the British Empire, that the complaints made by the people of this country, that England is the chief source of supply of the material of war to the rebels, is true. It is to be hoped that not only the citizens of this country but of all other civilized countries, and especially our neighbors in Canada, will 'stick a pin' here. The fact here acknowledged is not only important now, but may become more so in the progress of events. However this may be, it will be well for the British people to observe Lord John's advice. What they suffer from the war is not the fault of the Federal Government, but of the rebellion, and the rebellion could not live thirty days without the assistance of these very memorialists. The success of the Federal Government is the only panacea for the difficulties which surround the British people, and that success, to be availing, must be *rapid*. To prolong the war is not to dissolve the Union, it is only to make the revolted States a desert—to so disorganize their industry, destroy their productions, and, in a word, so exhaust them that they will be of very little importance to the commercial world for many years to come. The Federalists have no idea of abandoning the struggle. No man in the country is this instant bold enough, we might add, criminal enough, to even suggest the partition of the Union. Neither the prospect of taxation, nor the fear of a draft, cause the people to shrink an instant from the contest. All that British merchants can do in the future is, what they have done in the past. They may 'aid and comfort' the rebellion, they may impose greater sacrifices of blood and treasure upon us; but they cannot alter the result. The Federal government will be triumphant. The people will submit to levy *en masse* before they will surrender to force one inch of soil over which the flag has ever waved. It is precisely in this respect that British opinion has made a mistake. It has not recognized the *earnestness* of the loyal States. Perhaps it will be enlightened when it learns the success of the last enormous demands for troops, of whom nearly three hundred thousand are already *voluntarily* enlisted, and to acquire the remaining three hundred thousand of whom, in the same manner, requires only a few days' delay before resorting to a draft. A people who are not thoroughly aroused would be incapable of such patriotism. The contest must reach the heart, the intelligence of nearly every man, woman and child in the country, to enable the Government to make such a display of power by a simple appeal to its citizens. We trust that the English people will see this and act upon it—that they will learn now, at least, that *their* true interests are with the National Government; that the real source of their grievances is the rebellion." Most heartily do we second this hope, yet we do not cherish it confidently, nor should the American people. We must put our trust in ourselves not in the English people.

THE FIGHT AT THE FALLS OF GUYAN.—The Sandy Valley Advocate says that on Saturday last, Captain Smith, with 70 Home Guards, from Lawrence and Johnson counties, Kentucky, went over into Virginia to look after Witcher's guerilla band, with which Major Hall, with part of a company of the 5th Virginia, a few days previous had a fight, in which he lost his life. Captain Smith fell in with the enemy about six miles below Warfield, Ky., where skirmishing commenced. The rebels, numbering 208, were soon routed, and took to the woods in every direction. Captain Smith sent out detachments of his men in all directions to hunt up the rebels. One detachment under Captain Smith, numbering 11 men, came across 63 rebels at the Falls of Guyan, when a severe fight took place, lasting several hours, and resulting in the defeat of the rebels. Captain Smith lost two men killed and three or four wounded. The rebels lost nine killed, thirty prisoners, thirty horses, and about forty muskets. They were completely and thoroughly whipped and utterly routed.

The eleven men who did this fighting are entitled to much credit for their bravery and gallantry. They are a noble band of heroes, and we feel proud to call them Kentucky mountaineers. Of such material are the men made who inhabit our mountain country.

Capt. Smith is making preparations for another expedition against the thieving rebels who infest Wayne and Logan counties, Va. Wherever he comes across bands of the enemy he will be sure to leave his mark. He is a fighting man, and knows exactly how to fight in the woods, having had a good many years' experience in the far West among the Indians.

MILITARY MATTERS.—Maj. Gen. H. G. Wright, the commander of the new military department of the Ohio, will make his headquarters at Cincinnati, and will depart for that city today. Maj Gen. Nelson has been placed in command of all the troops in Kentucky that may be forwarded to Lexington and Lebanon, and will take the field. Brig. Gen. Boyle will have command of all other troops in Kentucky, his headquarters to remain in this city. Brig. Gen. Jas. S. Jackson will have command in the field of all the cavalry in the State. Generals Nelson, Jackson, Mansco, and Croft left this city yesterday for Lexington.

COTTER'S FLEEING FORCES.—Information had been received at headquarters in St. Louis from Springfield, Mo., stating that Col. Wright, commanding Brown's forces, passed Carthage in pursuit of Coffee yesterday. On the 20th he came up with the rear guard of the fleeing rebels, and killed twelve, captured thirty-one, and a large number of horses and other property. The Kansas troops, under General Blunt, were a few miles in the rear, coming to his support. It is said that all rebels of bad character in the Southwest are following off Coffee, and thus the country is being drained of a worthless and troublesome element of its population.

ANOTHER REVERSE.—There is a painful rumor in the city to the effect that Col Metcalfe's cavalry command has had an engagement with Col. Scott's rebel cavalry in Madison county, and Col. M.'s forces had been cut to pieces. We have no details of the fight. It is said that the rebel force outnumbered Col. Metcalfe's command in the ratio of two to one.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26, 1862.

☞ We have learned that the draft is not to take place in our State until the 21st of September. We are unprepared to say whether or not this postponement is good policy, it certainly gives our people the amplest time and opportunity for doing whatever they have the patriotism and the nerve to do in filling and augmenting the armies of the United States. And we earnestly trust that the time and opportunity will be improved in a manner worthy of the character of our State, and highly honorable to her. It is our ardent and our sanguine hope that the prompt and general forth-pouring of her volunteers will leave no necessity for executing the draft within her borders.

There are reasons, peculiar reasons, and strong reasons, why very much should be expected from Kentucky at this time. There are good reasons probably why more should be confidently expected from her in proportion to population than from any other State in the Union. The fame of her sons as a fighting people is historical and world-wide. That fame has been earned by the profusest expenditure of toil and blood. Her martial glory has been to her an invaluable possession. It has been to her children a passport everywhere. The name of Kentuckian has been for nearly three-fourths of a century and still is another name for chivalric daring. And now let that proud, high name be sustained and advanced. Let none ever be able to say in the coming time, that Kentuckians, in the crisis of their country's destiny and their own, when the roar and clash of battle were heard on every hand, and blood was dying her own soil, waited for a draft to force them into the conflict. If such a thing could be said, her moral power, her prestige, would be sadly impaired.

And it is most especially to be considered that Kentucky is more directly and by far more deeply concerned in the struggle now raging in our land than almost any other State. At this moment, she is its bloody and half-desolated theatre, and is no doubt destined to continue so while it lasts. The rebel hosts invaded her and seized upon and occupied her strongholds when she was more than willing to stand aloof from the conflict, and now rebel armies are marching and countermarching within her limits, and rebel predatory bands are scouring the land in all directions, stealing and ravaging and devastating and murdering. Other States are sending their thousands for her rescue from the power of her fierce and desperate invaders; the gallant sons of Indiana, Ohio, Illinois, Wisconsin, Michigan, Pennsylvania, &c., are rushing hither to give their lives freely to save her from rebel hate and vengeance; and surely it would be a burning and everlasting shame if she herself, thus nobly aided, were not voluntarily to furnish any required number of bold hearts and strong arms to co-operate in the work of expelling the insolent foe. The preservation of the Union, though necessary to all the States North and South, is more necessary to her than to almost any other. The division of the Republic would leave no earthly hope for the present generation of her people or for their posterity. Go with which section she might, hers would be the wretched condition of a frontier State, desolated perpetually by horrid border strife and for the greater part of the time by regular wars between rival and hostile Governments. She cannot live, she cannot exist, without the Union. It is as necessary to her as the vital air. Come what may, she must never think of surrendering it. She has money and blood and shew to spare, but the Union she cannot, must not, will not spare. She can afford to see all her homes swept away and the children that are her pride and glory stark and cold upon the red battle-field, but she cannot afford, God knows she cannot afford, to behold the Union destroyed.

THE ATTACKS ON GEN. BUELL.—We have the means of knowing that distinguished military officers, who, for some months past, have been familiar with Gen. Buell's position, are amazed at the numerous attacks made upon him throughout the country. They say, that, so far from doing nothing as charged, his whole army has been engaged with the most untiring activity and energy in maneuvres upon a grand scale, the purpose being to prevent Gen. Bragg, with his 60,000 men, from penetrating the rich lands of East Tennessee.

After the fall of Corinth, the army of the Ohio lay in line with the right at Tuscumbia, Ala., and the left at Battle Creek near Chattanooga. The enemy massed 60,000 men at Chattanooga, intending to pass the river at that point and to march by way of the Sequatchee valley over to McMinnville and through Murfreesboro to Nashville and thus to turn the left of Buell's army. By the time Bragg was ready to commence this important movement, Buell changed his front, swinging his whole line so that the right which was at Tuscumbia became the left at McMinnville, while another army lay from Battle Creek to McMinnville ready to concentrate and crush the enemy at whatever point he should attempt to pass into Middle Tennessee. The rebels, having the railroad along the Tennessee river entirely at their command, moved their troops with great rapidity from Chattanooga to Knoxville and *vice versa*, seeking a point to penetrate into Middle Tennessee, but were foiled every where.

During the whole summer, Gen. Buell has been manœuvring against double his own force in the most masterly manner, and always with success. Nothing could surpass the rapidity of the marches of his division. For weeks together, officers and men have been without the shelter of tents, but they have been invariably at the point indicated at the time indicated and eager for battle. There is in the United States armies no better General than Buell. But he is honest and conscientious, and unfortunately there are a good many people that don't like that sort of an officer. The country knows that it owes him much for what he did at Shiloh, and it will yet learn that it owes him much for what he has done since and is still doing.

A DELEGATION FROM NEW ORLEANS.—We find the following Washington despatch in the New York Herald:

The New Orleans Delegation.—The New Orleans delegation, composed of Judge Roselius, Drs. Coleman and Bullitt, have received much attention from the President and the Cabinet. They have had several interviews with the President and Secretary of War. A few days ago they dined with the Secretary of State. Yesterday they dined with the Secretary of the Treasury. They have received the most flattering consideration and confidence of the Administration.

We understand the object of this delegation of prominent and influential citizens of New Orleans is to confer with the authorities at Washington respecting the condition of affairs in Louisiana with the view of forwarding the public cause therein. As auxiliary to this end, the delegation, if we are not misinformed, seek the release on certain conditions of Mr. Soule, and, by direction of the Secretary of War, have in fact proceeded to Fort Lafayette, for the purpose of holding an interview with that distinguished state-prisoner. We know nothing in particular concerning the case of Mr. Soule, but, as he is known generally to have held out to the last against the secession of Louisiana, we can readily conceive that under certain circumstances his release might be not only proper but advantageous to the public cause. Such is clearly the opinion of the delegation in question; and, with their undoubted loyalty and full knowledge of the case, they can hardly err in the conclusion they may reach, after an interview with the prisoner. The public may safely confide in their integrity, judgment, and intelligence. The Bullitt mentioned in the despatch, we may add, is Cuthbert Bullitt, Esq., so well-known in this city as a sterling patriot and gentleman.

☞ We are authorized to announce Edward R. Weir, Esq., of Greenville, as a candidate for the seat in Congress made vacant by the resignation of Gen. James S. Jackson.

Mr. Weir requires no commendation from us to the people of the Second District. His steadfast loyalty, his ability, his intelligence, his great personal worth, are known and acknowledged by every inhabitant of the District. He fills completely the Jeffersonian standard of fitness. He is honest, capable, and, amidst the sharpest sacrifices of this trying hour, faithful to the Constitution. He is thoroughly and eminently worthy the place he seeks.

☞ Our military authorities are determined to whale the rebel marauders soundly in Kentucky and Tennessee. Several whaling expeditions are on foot.

[Special Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.]

LETTER FROM FRANKFORT.

ROOM NO. 40, CAPITAL HOTEL, }
FRANKFORT, August 25, 1862. }

The House this morning passed an act to amend the penal laws. It provides that if any person or persons shall, within this State, hold any secret or public meeting, or unite with or belong to any secret club or association known to be intended to effect, promote, or encourage the separation or secession of this State from the government or union of the United States, or to effect, promote, or encourage the incorporation or union of this State with the so-called Southern Confederacy, every such person, upon conviction, shall be confined in the penitentiary not less than one nor more than five years. If any person or persons in this State shall knowingly display to public view what is commonly designated the secession flag, or any like symbol, with a view and intent to excite seditious feeling, it shall be deemed evidence of disloyalty, and shall be in law a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, punished by a fine of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars. If any person shall, within this State, seduce, entice, or persuade any other person to commit any of the offences which are prohibited by this act, and such offence be committed, the person who so seduced, enticed, or persuaded, shall, on conviction, be scutenced to suffer such punishment as the person committing said offence would be liable to suffer as a punishment for the crime so committed by him. If any person within this State shall seduce, entice, or persuade any other person to commit any of the offences which are prohibited by this act, though such offence has not been committed, the person who so seduced, enticed, or persuaded another, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, fined in a sum not less than fifty nor more than one hundred dollars.

A bill has passed both Houses providing that there shall be established in the city of Louisville, or such other place as the Governor may indicate, a Medical Commission, to consist of three persons learned in the medical profession, whose duty it shall be to examine into the qualifications and professional skill and character of such applicants for appointment in the medical staff of volunteer regiments, organized or to be organized in this commonwealth for State or Federal service as may be referred to them. The members of this Commission shall be appointed by the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, and all vacancies in the Commission, whether by death, resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled in like manner. The Commission shall examine only such persons as may be referred to it by the Governor, and shall report to the Adjutant General the result of their examination, stating first whether the applicant be or be not qualified to enter the service, and if qualified, to designate the grade on the staff for which his application may be properly considered. The Board is to be compensated by a tax of ten dollars to be charged to the applicant for examination. No candidate shall be required to appear before the Commission who has heretofore received a certificate of qualification from the United States examining Board, or of any one of them. This will have a very beneficial effect in improving the medical officers of our army, and there is improvement needed.

There was a very interesting debate in the House this morning on a bill to compel all teachers to take an oath of allegiance. Mr. Turner, of Montgomery, and Judge Underwood, of Warren, doubted the expediency of such action, and were fearful that it would exasperate. The latter gentleman was willing to vote for a bill if it was not retrospective, and if it did not apply to the officers of incorporated colleges, with whom the State had made a contract. The venerable gentleman in the course of his remarks, told us that he had been forty-nine or fifty years engaged in the public service, but he certainly in that long series of years has never legislated to tie the hand of a Government by incorporating a nursery of treason or a hot bed of crime, without reserving the power to crush the treason and punish the crime. There is a difficulty in the way of any such law, which springs from the fact that rebels have been invited to return and become good citizens, with a promise of forgiveness and amnesty. If a teacher has come back upon such invitation, and has since then believed himself as a loyal citizen, it would be obviously unjust to tender such an oath to him. Mr. Wolfe replied at some length to these views. He was for stern and defiant resistance to the rebellion, and he would not stop to inquire what steps would exasperate the rebels. The lenient policy had prevailed too long; when Kentucky desired to be neutral, her territory was invaded with the avowed intention of subjugating her and holding her as a conquered State; her territory was declared so essential to the Confederacy that it must be acquired by subjugation and conquest. A great crime has been committed, and the spirit of our laws demands expiation and will not be satisfied to extend forgiveness upon repentance. In the face of this giant rebellion, it will not do to quote the maxims found in the Scriptures, however valuable they may be in an ethical view. If the rebellion smites one cheek, we are not to turn the other, and if the Saviour pardoned the woman taken in adultery, we are not to forgive those who have indulged in political harlotry. Mr. Raukin likewise made a capital speech in support of the bill, but the House adjourned at two o'clock without coming to a vote. Mr. Huston, of Clark, having the floor.

The Senate this morning refused to extend for another year the law extending the return day of executions, popularly known as the "Stay Law."

J. S. W.

ANOTHER STATEMENT ABOUT THE DRAFT.—The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger says the Government is inclined to accept money in lieu of personal services from persons who are drafted. The writer says that a number of New York gentlemen, acting in harmony with the Union Defence Committee, had a conversation with Secretary Stanton in regard to certain features of the conscription. They report that not only is Mr. Stanton, but the President also, anxious that the draft should be extended in such manner as will occasion the least inconvenience to the people. The draft probably will not be an indiscriminate one. A distinction will be drawn between persons who have families dependent upon them and persons who have no such incumbrances; and, in regard to substitutes, the assertion of the Tribune that the Napoleonic system will be adopted, is substantially correct, that is to say, "the price of the substitutes will be fixed by the Government, and any man, by paying $200 or $300, will be permitted to remain at home. The amount will be offered by the Government as a bounty, which will fill the ranks of the Union armies immediately. In the course of a few days it is believed that an order will be issued from the War Department giving the weight of authority to these suggestions.

☞ Correspondents have been excluded from the United Sates armies in Virginia, and very little intelligence is allowed to come by telegraph, but we are permitted to know that a conflict is daily going on across the Rappahannock, that the rebels have been repulsed in several attempts to get to the north bank of the river, and that, upon one of these occasions, they sustained a heavy loss in prisoners.

So far as we can see, all now looks well upon the Rappahannock. We feel anxiety, but no alarm. A general conflict between those great hosts seems about to take place, but we await the result with calm, high confidence. The battle must probably be fought on the Federal side without the aid of the many thousands of noble volunteers now rushing to the grand theatre of war, yet we cannot doubt that the united armies of Virginia and the Potomac, however much outnumbered by the rebels, will prove not only invincible but resistless.

☞ The band of the Eleventh Michigan Infantry, which musical organization has been mustered out of the service, is in the city at present.

☞ A Mississippi paper speculates upon the possibility of Breckinridge's being cut off. Pity he couldn't be cut off just back of his ears.

☞ The New Ironsides has left Philadelphia upon her first expedition. She left with sealed orders. She is believed to be invincible. Unless the best judges of naval offence and defence are at fault, she is capable of encountering successfully a dozen ordinary men-of-war, capable of passing by the strongest rebel fort upon the continent or taking her position directly in front of it and battering it with her terrible guns at leisure.

For the present the New Ironsides and the Monitor are the two monarchs of the deep. Perhaps they are at this time co-operating together. No doubt we shall have exciting news from one or both during the present week. If any Southern rams are to be found, they will be rent like common sheep, no matter though they be directly under the protection of the jaws and jaws of the most powerful rebel watch-dogs in the shape of forts and batteries.

GEN. COX AT PARKERSBURG.—General Cox, of the Kanawha army, with about seven thousand of his men, was at Parkersburg on Thursday. The infantry and artillery came down on boats, and the wagons by land. Two regiments left Parkersburg on Thursday night for Washington City, to which point the whole force is destined, *en route* to the army of Gen. Pope. The Wheeling Intelligencer says Gen. Cox leaves about five thousand soldiers in the Kanawha valley, who will also be soon relieved by new troops. The Kanawha soldiers have been so long in the woods that they acted like wild men when they reached Parkersburg. Those who have passed safely through the fatigues of the Kanawha campaign are said to have come out stronger and more rugged than ever.

☞ It was mentioned in our despatches yesterday from Cincinnati, that Cassius M. Clay was there and would be assigned a command in a few days by Gen. Wallace, Commandant at that post. The truth of the matter is that Mr. Clay proffered to Gen. Wallace any military service he could render, and Gen. W. has decided to give him a temporary appointment for the performance of specific duties in Kentucky. We may expect from Mr. C. the most energetic kind of work, and certainly it will not be within his prescribed province to carry into practice any peculiar views he may have as to slavery in connection with the prosecution of the war.

☞ There appears to be a strong and universal desire to know who will be designated by Gen. Halleck to lead the combined armies of Virginia and the Potomac. The New York Tribune is confident that it will be General Burnside. Some think that it will be General Pope. Others General McClellan. We think that it will be the latter. The designation at all events will no doubt be the proper one.

Gen. Halleck has a profound knowledge of military men, and we are confident that his judgment in this case will be right.

☞ Thirteen hundred rebel prisoners left Camp Morton, Indianapolis, for home on Saturday, eight hundred on Sunday, and all the rest were to leave yesterday. But where are Pope's officers who were captured by the rebels at Cedar Mountain? Have any of them been discharged from their solitary confinement at Richmond? Why should we give up all our Confederate prisoners when the Confederate Government keeps a portion of the very best of ours in solitary imprisonment and announces its determination to keep them thus till the end of the war upon a diet of bread and water?

☞ According to the latest accounts from Cumberland Gap, the position of Gen. G. W. Morgan's Division at that place was very critical. He had a rebel force doubly numbering his own in front and daily increasing, and a formidable force in his rear. His supplies are cut off, and they must be restored. The road must be opened to him from Lexington at once. This is Gen. Nelson's business, and therefore it will be done.

☞ Gen. Cass made a ringing speech at Hillsdale, Michigan, recently, urging enlistments, and heartily espousing the cause of the Union. He said the differences of the past, if not forgotten, should be adjourned till the standard of the Union again floats, unopposed, from Maine to Texas, and to the Pacific Ocean.

☞ Some men are honest enough to acknowledge themselves thieves and robbers, and Yancey is honest enough to declare himself the advocate of an absolutely despotic form of government.

☞ It is said that a great many young men are at present down with severe attacks of white liver.

AN ARRIVAL FROM NASHVILLE.—A party of twelve persons, who left Nashville at seven o'clock on Sunday morning, arrived here by railroad last evening. The party consisted of Mr. W. E. Ruble, the cutler of the Fifty-first Indiana regiment, a Captain, and ten men. They came as far as Springfield, twenty-five miles out on the railroad, on a special train that was sent out to capture a quantity of contraband flour. The flour, consisting of three car loads, was captured and taken back to Nashville.

Mr. Ruble informs us that General Buell's army is on the march toward Knoxville and Chattanooga, the object being to confront General Bragg's forces, which are believed to be in motion for some point in Kentucky or for Nashville, he having left Chattanooga. Our army had left Stevenson and Battle Creek. General Buell left Huntsville on Thursday last, and spent Friday night at Decherd, pursuing his march on Saturday.

The Federal loss in the engagement at Gallatin was but fifty in killed, wounded and missing. A rebel lieutenant, with whom our informant conversed, and who was captured at Gallatin, says the commander of the rebel forces was killed in the fight. Immediately after the fight at Gallatin the rebel forces left for parts unknown, and the place is now occupied by a strong Federal force, including the First Michigan Mechanics and Engineers, who are repairing the railroad track and clearing out the tunnel.

As the Cumberland river is not navigable, and as communication with this city by railroad is cut off, provisions and supplies generally are scarce at Nashville. The troops there and in the vicinity are upon half rations, and the military authorities have found it necessary in some instances to take possession of flour and other supplies in the hands of individuals.

When they took possession of Clarksville the rebels destroyed a large amount of Government property and many valuable stores belonging to cutlers.

GUERILLAS CAPTURED.—On Friday last a number of handbills issued by Lieut. Colonel Laudram, in regard to bridge-burners, track-destroyers, etc., were left at Butler's Station, on the Kentucky Central Railroad, for the purpose of being posted up. The next day a squad of men rode up to the station and threatened to hang the telegraph operator if he should distribute or post the bills. Word was sent by telegraph to Col. Landram, at Cynthiana, who sent down a detachment of soldiers under Lieut. N. G. Franklin, of the 45th Ohio. After scouring the country for a few miles, the following persons were arrested and conveyed to Cynthiana, where they were lodged in jail: Wm. G. Barton, E. H. Williams, Peter Howe, John Kidwell, and Thos. Yelton.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT FROM CORINTH.—On Thursday last General Rosecrans left Corinth with an army of thirty or forty thousand men and proceeded in a southwest direction toward Jimtown, where a body of about fifteen thousand rebels were lying, under General Armstrong. General Price is near by, at Tupello on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, with a force estimated at twenty-five thousand men. It is probable, that, on being threatened, Price and Armstrong will combine and give General Rosecrans battle. The withdrawal of the force under Rosecrans will not in the least leave that point exposed. Enough remain behind for all emergencies. We shall likely have stirring news from Gen. Grant's army in a few days.

THE SKIRMISH NEAR BOLIVAR. — We learn from the Memphis Bulletin of the 19th that on Friday a reconnoitering force, sent out by Gen. McClarnand's division, discovered about two hundred and fifty Confederate cavalry a short distance below Bolivar, surrounded them, killed thirty, captured one hundred and forty, and two hundred horses. We lost only five killed and ten wounded. The Confederates were waiting to attack a supply train when they were surprised. The prisoners have been sent to Cairo.

THE POPE AND THE REBELLION.—Archbishop Purcell preached his first sermon, since his return from Europe, at the Cathedral in Cincinnati on Sunday. The Gazette says the discourse was mainly devoted to a recital of the incidents of his tour, and of the results of the solemn council held at Rome for the canonization of the Japanese martyrs. Just before the conclusion of his remarks, the Archbishop stated the interesting fact that the affairs of our country had aroused the most profound interest and sympathy of the Pope, whose earnest prayers and heartfelt wishes were that peace might be restored, and that the unity of our nation might be maintained as the only bulwark of the world and church against the despotisms of Europe, and especially against the machinations of England.

EXCITEMENT IN THE SANDY VALLEY.—We learn from the Sandy Valley Advocate, of the 21st inst., that on Wednesday evening Quartermaster Kissinger, with a small squad of cavalry, arrived from Louisa, and reported that 3,000 rebels have occupied Paintsville, and that 2,000 more are but a short distance behind them, making their way down Sandy. The rebels report their number at 5,000, but it is believed by many citizens in the Valley that their number does not exceed 3,000. Colonel Crosier sent for reinforcements more than a week ago. One regiment was expected to arrive on the 20th. These forces, together with what Home Guards can be got together, will probably be sufficient to check the advance of the rebels.

THE NEW SMALL-CHANGE CURRENCY.—Numbers of the one and two-dollar treasury notes and specimens of the postage currency were received in this city yesterday. The postage stamp bills are about a quarter as large as treasury notes, and are of four denominations: five, ten, twenty-five, and fifty cents respectively. They are issued in sheets of twenty for the five and tens, and sixteens for the twenty-fives and fifties, perforated like postage stamps, so as to be easily separated. We have given a description of all these issues heretofore.

☞ We learn by a gentleman who arrived from Nashville last evening that Gen. R. W. Johnson and the forces under him made a desperate resistance before they yielded to the superior rebel force at Gallatin. The General was slightly wounded, and was borne off as a captive. The Federal loss in killed, wounded, and missing was but fifty.

MILITARY ARRESTS.—James Smith, Frank Bonner, John Stagner, Jerome Hiter, John Noterby, James Pugnoy, Thomas Walker, and John Sweeney were lodged in the Military Prison yesterday. Pugnoy is a notorious bridge-burner, and confesses his guilt.

MORE ARTILLERY.—Governor Morton, of Indiana, received authority on Friday to raise three additional batteries of artillery. Guns, horses, and equipments will be immediately provided for six batteries, three of which are raised.

☞ If any of our States or cities or counties raise more than their quota of volunteers for this war, the surplus will be credited to them by the Lord for the eternal war against the Devil.

☞ The rebel Confederacy, even if it were independent, couldn't remain harmonious. Its Belial would be fighting with its Beelzebub, its Moloch with its Mammon, in less than six months.

☞ The time for squibs is past!

Democrat.

Then why do you give us such a quantity of them—first-rate though they are!

☞ Maj. G. H. Monserrat, late of this city, but more recently connected with the rebel army, and at one time Provost Marshal of Knoxville, has retired from the rebel army and is living in privacy at Mobile.

ELOQUENT APPEAL OF GENERAL CASS.—At a large and enthusiastic war meeting held at Hillsdale in Southern Michigan on the 13th instant, the venerable patriot and statesman General Lewis Cass addressed the assembled thousands as follows:

FELLOW-CITIZENS: I am sufficiently warned by the advance of age that I can have but little active participation in public affairs. But if time has diminished my power to be useful to my country, it has left undiminished the deep interest I feel in her destiny, and my love and reverence for our glorious constitution, which we owe to the kindness of Providence, and to the wisdom of our fathers. That constitution which has ruled us so long and happily is now assailed by an armed rebellion, as causeless in its origin as it is wicked in its objects; and its integrity rests upon the energy and patriotism of the people, and upon the zealous and efficient support of the government in all its efforts to bring this contest to a speedy and successful issue. We have the power to do this, and, with the determination to exert it the work will soon be done. Our right to establish our government was asserted and maintained in the days of our weakness; we must not shrink from the duty of defending it in the days of our strength.

I did not come here to-day to make you a formal address. I do not feel equal to the task, and I shall therefore confine myself to a few brief remarks.

The attempt to suppress this rebellion has called for prodigious efforts, and these have been cheerfully made. In the records of history it is difficult to find such an example of the immense extent to which peaceable citizens

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☞ We consider it, as every intelligent and patriotic Kentuckian must, of the utmost importance that our fellow-citizens of this State should at once come forward and fully meet the requisitions made upon them by the Federal Government for troops to put down the rebellion. The country expects much of Kentucky, and has a good right to expect much of her. Kentucky expects much of her own sons. Because she has a proud historic renown, because she is made the especial theatre of rebel invasions, raids, robberies, murders, and devastations, because she must suffer more from this rebellion while it lasts than perhaps any other State, because the citizens of the States north of her are sweeping to her and with a chivalry and devotion never surpassed by any people, and because she, of all the thirty-four States, is probably the most deeply and vitally interested in the maintenance of the Union, involving as it does her condition through all the coming time, we ask, we pray, that her loyal people, scorning to wait for a conscription, may rise up as one man to enrol themselves under the old banner that now casts its holy shadow upon her soil. Certain it is that Kentucky, inasmuch as she must inevitably, in the event of the triumph of the rebels, be a bleeding border forever, has a higher stake than any of her sisters in the success of the Government, and hence it would dishonor her character for wisdom and good sense as well as for bravery to hesitate or hang back in this most fearful exigency.

It has been suggested by some, that, if the loyal portion of the people of Kentucky were to enlist in the army, the rebel citizens, by remaining at home, would, in any crisis that might arise, be able to carry everything with a high hand in their respective neighborhoods. Undoubtedly many loyal citizens are sure to remain at home to withstand, if need be, their secession neighbors. But there is no need of this. It is no secret, it is notorious, that the secessionists and the secession sympathizers throughout Kentucky, impelled by the fear of the draft, are making and attempting to make their escape from the State by thousands upon thousands. Some of these, indeed many of them, will succeed in getting off whilst the rest, caught in their flight, will be made to give heavy bonds for their future good conduct or be kept as prisoners of state till the end of the war. There can be no necessity, then, for Union men remaining at home to guard their homes against home-enemies. The danger to our Kentucky homes is of invasion by formidable forces from without, strengthened and guided by the rebel fugitives who have fled and are fleeing from among us, and the only way of successfully encountering and driving back such forces is to swell the Federal army by heavy and prompt enrolments. Instead of vainly relying upon individual and unorganized efforts to defend different localities, we must have United States armies and division powerful enough to sweep our enemies from the face of the land and annihilate them.

We now behold a trial of patriotism among all the loyal States. It is a thrilling spectacle. True hearts and true lips are asking which of all the States will be foremost and which hindmost in the trial. For the one, there will be high honor, for the other, only shame. It is, as a New York contemporary says, a stern ordeal, testing, as nothing else could, the stuff each State is made of. Every State must meet it in the face of all future generations, and credit or discredit, glory or shame, will be the winning result. We are now at the very pinch of the trial. The Government, in its necessities, has called upon every loyal State for its due quota of men. The manner in which that quota is furnished—whether by prompt, cheerful, high-hearted volunteering, or by the compulsory process of statute law—will be noted, and will go for all time into history. The distinction is a broad one. Posterity cannot fail to mark it. They will know nothing and care nothing about the fact that one State had a more efficient Governor than another, or any other of the little advantages or disadvantages. They will simply see the proud fact that *the people of one State did a patriotic duty voluntarily, which the people of another State would do only on compulsion.* They will take this as a sure index of the different qualities of the patriotism of the different States, and they will honor or dishonor accordingly.

Kentuckians! be true to the great traditions of Kentucky.

☞ We copy in another column a letter from Col. Metcalfe to the Cincinnati Gazette, giving an account of his skirmish and reverse about fifteen miles from Richmond. Col. M. is as gallant a spirit as ever lived, and it appears from his letter, that a portion of his command, about one hundred, behaved most gallantly, flanking the rebels, twelve hundred strong, an hour and a half and driving them temporarily back, but all the rest of his men acted shamefully, refusing to approach even within sight of the enemy and many of them mounting their horses and fleeing for life.

We are astonished to hear this. The men who thus disgraced themselves were indeed raw troops, soldiers who had never seen a battle but they were generally Kentuckians, and we have always supposed that nineteen Kentuckians out of twenty, even taken at random from any county of the State, would fight not only bravely but desperately without waiting to be drilled and disciplined and made gradually familiar with the smell of gunpowder. The men who volunteered for service under Leonidas Metcalfe surely knew what sort of man and officer he was; they knew, that, with very little calculation as to odds, he would seek a fight with the rebels wherever there should seem to be a chance for one; and it is strange, passing strange, that they placed themselves under him if they were not thoroughly convinced in their own hearts that they would dare to follow where he should dare to lead. But we suppose that men are as often mistaken as to their own courage as they are in regard to that of their neighbors.

Colonel Metcalfe is well convinced that if his men, instead of scampering off for safety, had stood by him, he could have defeated the rebel forces, numerous as they were. We have hardly a doubt of it. Instead of a mortifying reverse there might have been a brilliant victory. We are glad to learn that a considerable number of the fugitives from the fight were arrested by order of Gen. Nelson, and placed in confinement at Lexington. Let them be tried and punished. We don't suppose them to be traitors, but cowardice is one of the most monstrous crimes a soldier can be guilty of. The examples made of the soldiers who run should be such as to teach all soldiers that there is more danger in running than in fighting. We must make them more afraid of the former than of the latter. And yet we should like to have them fight from some higher motive than the fear of running.

☞ It seems very difficult to get news now from the important point to which all thoughts are turned, the Rappahannock. Beyond all doubt, fighting, more or less general, is going on there continually, but newspaper correspondents are excluded from the scene, and the telegraph is exceedingly reserved. It is evident, however, that the rebels, though so confident in their strength as to attempt daily and nightly to cross the river in order to engage the whole of the Federal forces upon the northern bank, have as yet been foiled and repulsed in every endeavor. We earnestly hope that the account given of a brilliant achievement of a portion of McDowell's troops on the south of the river will prove true. We want at least a few minor victories there now, preliminary to the mighty and glorious victory, which, we trust, is not far off.

It is still, we presume, the policy of our combined armies upon the Rappahannock to act at present only upon the defensive, awaiting the formidable reinforcements that are daily pouring in to share their danger and their glory. The same causes however that make the Federal forces willing to wait must necessarily render the rebels impatient for the conflict and impel them to force it at even great hazard. We trust that in that case the hazard will prove fatal to those incurring it.

☞ We have already stated that General R. W. Johnson, who had command of the Federal troops in the recent fight near Gallatin had been released upon parole, and that he was on his way to this city. The General, accompanied by Assistant Adjutant General Turner, and Captain Lebo, of the Second Indiana cavalry, arrived in this city last evening. After contending with the rebels manfully for half an hour, all of General Johnson's command but seventy-five men gave way. The force surrendered by General Johnson embraced seventy privates and five commissioned officers. Among the killed was Lieutenant Wynkoop, of the Seventh Pennsylvania cavalry. The rebel loss was thirteen killed and forty wounded, including several officers, and the Federal loss in killed and wounded was twenty-eight.

☞ The New York Evening Post urges Gen. Halleck to issue a general order, like that issued by Gen. Buell for his own department, forbidding any officer or soldier in any of our armies to give his parole to the enemy, when captured, not to serve till exchanged, unless the person thus promising has the express written authority of the General in command for entering into such an engagement.

The Post says with truth that the greatest absurdities have been practised and tolerated for some time in the West in this matter of paroling prisoners of war.

For instance, when Morgan recently overran Kentucky with his small force, he paroled and turned adrift, as fast as he caught them, all the small squads of soldiers he could surprise. In the aggregate, the men thus sworn to remain inoffensive spectators till duly exchanged amounted probably to a much larger force than Morgan's own, and, if he had been compelled to carry his prisoners with him, or to send them to the rear under convoy, he would have found it impossible to do one half the damage he did, and would have fatally compromised his safety before he got beyond the State. But with an ingenuity which would have been thought shameless if displayed by Yankees, but is praiseworthy in a rebel land-pirate, he no sooner captured a dozen or fifty men than he turned them away, sworn to do him no more damage; and thus relieved himself of a burden he could not have borne. He had no provisions to feed them; he had no men to spare to guard them; if, with ingenuity equal to his own, they had clung to him, and refused to give their parole, they would have brought him up at a very early stage of his robber raid.

Whether Gen. Halleck adopt the suggestion of the N.Y. paper or not, the paroling humbug, thanks to Gen. Buell, is at an end in Kentucky and Tennessee. We shall see what John Morgan and the rest of the land-pirates will do about it. But possibly it may not trouble him much more than it will some of our own officers and soldiers. A highly respectable gentleman, who was present not long ago when a portion of our troops surrendered to the guerillas, assures us that he heard some of them say with every appearance of exultation, "Now we can give our parole and go and stay at home at our ease."

☞ The Albany Evening Journal speaks a handsome word for Kentucky. "Gentlemen endowed with more backbone than discretion," says our distinguished New York contemporary, "continue to speak contemptuously of the loyalty of Kentucky; but they will do well to remember how much the success of our army in the West has been owing to the attitude of that State. They will do well to remember that had she gone over into the ranks of the rebel States, the seat of war would have been transferred from the Cumberland and the Tennessee to the Ohio; that instead of capturing Memphis and Nashville, we should be defending Cincinnati and St. Louis; that instead of penetrating with our armies into the heart of the insurgent country, we should have all we could do during the winter and spring to defend our own frontier. They will do well to remember that Kentucky even neutral would be worth fifty thousand men to us—that in her present loyal position she is potent almost to decide the fortunes of the war. Let us generously give her credit not only for what she has done but for what she has *prevented*. Let us admit that without her aid, to-day the Southwest would be irretrievably lost to the Union." This is generous; but, as we are deeply persuaded, not more generous than just.

To the Editors of the Louisville Journal:

DANVILLE, KY., Aug. 25th, 1862.

DEAR SIRS: I see in the Cincinnati Enquirer of Saturday, 23d inst., the report of a speech of Mr. Arnold, of Illinois, with the caption, "What has Congress done?" in which he says, We have authorized the President to proclaim that every man in arms that will in an open fair way shall kill a *traitor* shall thereby purchase *freedom* for himself, wife, children, and mother." Now, sir, I write you to know if Congress has ever passed such an act? and if so, why you, as a public journalist, have not published it to the world. I am a constant reader of your country daily, and do not remember to have seen any such law published by you. I write for information. I cannot believe that Congress has passed any such act, but if so, the people should know it.

Yours, &c., J. M. MEYER.

Certainly Congress has passed no such act. We have not seen Mr. Arnold's speech, but Mr. Arnold knows that Congress has passed no such act. And the Cincinnati Enquirer, which is said to have published Mr. Arnold's speech, knows that Congress has passed no such act.

REBEL OUTRAGE.—The Cincinnati Commercial is informed that a gang of rebel bushwhackers, supposed to be from Boone county, Ky., went to the residence of Mr. Jeff. Cleveland, eight miles below Covington, on the bank of the Ohio river, on Sunday afternoon last, and, after sacking the house of every thing they could carry away, set fire to the building and beat a hasty retreat. Mr. Cleveland and his family were absent at the residence of Mr. Carey Allen at the time. The only person left at his own residence was a negro girl. The miscreants told her that they intended to burn every Union house they came across. As soon as they departed she gave the alarm, and several neighbors soon arrived at the scene of the fire, and succeeded in subduing the flames before any material damage was done.

☞ The Richmond Whig estimates the fighting strength of the South at a million of men. To get at the result, it coolly counts in the whole of Kentucky, Missouri, Maryland, and Western Virginia. The actual fighting force of the seceded States was from the first less than 700,000, and it has been greatly reduced by sickness and the fatality of the battle-field. The rebel Confederacy cannot now bring into the field more than 400,000 effective fighting men, and, with proper energy, we can crush this force before Christmas. If we exert our whole strength and vigor we can put a full stop to the rebellion within the next few weeks. And we shall do it if we are half worthy to be the sons of our fathers.

☞ One of the rabble in the tragedy of Œdipus, when he was upbraided with his rebellion, and asked by the prophet if he had not taken an oath to be loyal, falls to scratching his head, and replies: "Why yes, truly, I have taken such an oath, *but it is a hard thing that an oath should be a man's master.*" Sophocles puts this language into the mouth of one of the rabble, thereby indicating his sense at once of the baseness of the sentiment and of its appropriateness alone to the scum and dregs of society. Yet in our day and land how many rebels of whatever class or sex are in regard to oaths morally superior to this Greek ragamuffin?

☞ Intelligence was received at headquarters at St. Louis, on Monday, of a brilliant, though comparatively unimportant affair, which came off on Sunday morning, in the immediate vicinity of Paris, Monroe county, northeast Missouri. A Lieutenant and sixty men, of Gen. Merrill's command, fearlessly attacked two hundred guerillas. The latter made a brief stand and then fled precipitately, leaving several of their dead, and more that were wounded. Prisoners, guns, wagons, horses, baggage, and stores were captured, with trivial losses on our part. The rebels were chased and thoroughly scattered.

THE BATTLE OF CACHE.—In "the battle of Cache," in Arkansas, 400 of the troops under command of Captain Blackburn fought and routed General Albert Rust's army of seven Texas regiments and two regiments of Arkansas conscripts—in all over 6,000 men. Capt. B. was in the fight, and says that before they retreated they "supposed Curtis's whole army was in the woods, and every man fighting on his own account." He reports their loss at over 400, and says the aim of our men was almost unerring. The history of this war does not furnish the evidence of a more gallant fight than that of "Cache."

THE HON. JOHN M. BOTTS.—This gentleman has been sent from Richmond to Salisbury, N. C., where he is kept under close surveillance, not exactly as a prisoner, but not a free agent. His son has been drafted in the rebel army, under the new rebel conscript law, which takes all that were exempted under the previous rule—young Botts being lame. The removal of John Minor Botts was deemed necessary in view of the close proximity of the Union army. He was removed the first week in July.

☞ The report proves true that John Ross, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, accompanies the Kansas regiments in their return from the Indian Expedition. He and his family were escorted to the Union camps from Park Hill, by Colonel Cloud, of the Kansas Second, who also brought with him the archives of the nation.

COL. FORREST.—The Nashville Union learns upon good authority that this marauder was within six miles of Lebanon, Tenn., on Saturday night, with a force estimated at from one thousand to fifteen hundred.

[Special Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.]

LETTER FROM FRANKFORT.

ROOM No. 40, CAPITAL HOTEL, FRANKFORT, August 27, 1862.

Major-General Wright reached here last night from your city with his staff, and has been engaged with the Governor and military authorities in investigating the position of affairs in our State. And that position, I can assure all doubting and timid persons, is most satisfactory. The preparations heretore made by General Boyle for preventing the advance of the enemy into the heart of our State have been of a character to do credit to any commander. He was not led away by any popular demand or clamor for the immediate expulsion of our invaders when the effort, with inadequate forces, would have been madness, but he held Lebanon, Danville, Nicholasville, Lexington, and other points of the greatest strategic importance commanding the roads to the Capital and forming the base for the effective movement which has since been made. The rebels were foiled as soon as they could not penetrate the Bluegrass region, and the larger their numbers the more inevitable was their destiny. Eight or ten thousand men might almost as well seek subsistence in the deserts of Zahara as in the country between London and Cumberland Gap; while General Morgan is amply supplied for two weeks siege, and his position for that period is impregnable. No force can be driven from the Gap except by starving it out, and no force can beleaguer it for any length of time without bringing all its supplies from Tennessee. In the meantime relief is pressing forward, not in detached masses, to be cut off by the light cavalry of the rebels, as would have been the case had General Boyle taken the advice of the rash and impulsive, but in overwhelming array, and we may confidently expect that the insurgents will be swept as chaff before the wind. The present position of affairs at the Gap was not unforeseen, and every precaution was taken to prevent disaster. When General Morgan took it from them, it was because they had not been provident enough to prepare their commissariat for a siege. The same causes which render it impracticable for the rebels to subsist their army in the counties between Garrard and Harlan must retard the advance of our troops, for, with all the line and cry which has been raised against "waiting for transportation," no large body of men and horses can move in an exhausted country until rations and provender are awaiting requisitions. I read yesterday of thirty miles of wagons crossing a pontoon bridge on the Yorktown Peninsula, which gives something of an idea of the transportation required to carry everything for subsistence by our advancing forces toward Cumberland Gap. They must be wagoned over one hundred and thirty miles of roads terribly cut up. It takes a wagon nearly a fortnight to make the round *trip* from Lexington to the Gap and back, and it must carry forage for its horses nearly all the way. Despite these drawbacks, we shall soon hear of the whereabouts of Nelson and Jackson, and they will give a good report of themselves.

In the House this morning the Senate bill abolishing the Military Board was taken up. It transfers all the powers of the Board to the Executive, and authorizes the Adjutant-General and Quartermaster-General to appoint the requisite clerical force in their departments, the number of clerks and their salaries to be arranged by the Governor. The House amended by transferring to the Governor all the powers heretofore delegated to the Military Board to borrow money. A motion to recommit the bill, in order to fix the maximum of salaries, was rejected by 52 to 26. In the course of the debate Adjutant-General Finnell stated that it would be impossible to carry on the business pertaining to his office and that of Quartermaster-General with any restriction upon the clerical force. In some departments, especially that of the casualties of the war, his office was three months behind and he had employed all the available force, male and female, in the city. The Legislature had by resolution instructed him to ascertain the place of nativity and of residence of every Kentucky volunteer, and that superadded duty would impose the necessity probably of sending agents to each regiment, as it seemed impossible to get the information by other means. The bill was passed without a dissenting vote—a high compliment to the lofty integrity and patriotism of James F. Robinson, the Acting-Governor of the State.

Mr. Underwood, from the Committee on Military Affairs, reported back the bill to raise a State force of ten thousand men, with amendments, which makes it optional with the Governor to call them out and not obligatory upon him. By this bill a company of one hundred men may be raised in each Representative district, and these companies are to be formed into regiments as the law may designate. These companies are to constitute a police guard in their localities and aid the civil authorities in executing the laws, or be employed in force under executive orders. Mr. Rousseau, of Metcalfe, proposed as a substitute for the bill another, directing the Governor forthwith by proclamation to call into service three volunteer regiments, either cavalry or mounted infantry, for twelve months. Each regiment to consist of twelve companies and this force to be used for the border protection. This substitute was rejected—45 to 25. Mr. Taylor offered an amendment to the original bill, authorizing the Governor, if in his opinion the public safety demands it, to seize and press into service whatever may be required, taking care that a valuation shall be made and receipts given therefor. Mr. Underwood did not approve this amendment, as he thought the Governor could make contracts with patriotic citizens without bringing upon the State the odium of seizure. Mr. Z. Ward thought the amendment the best feature in the bill, and instanced the order given to Col. Jacob to move his regiment on Sunday from this city by a forced march to Madison county, to meet marauders. How could that order be obeyed unless horses and other requisite materials were instantly obtained? Mr. Finnell supported the amendment in some very forcible remarks. He said that though the Governor evidently has the power without this bill it would be better to have it inserted. Contracts for these purposes cannot be made in some locations, and if Federal officers stop to make contracts, all marauders will be pursued in vain. The plain question involved is whether we will permit marauders to enter the State at pleasure and steal all they want, or we shall take measures to prevent such raids by taking the requisite property means, with the assurance of full compensation. The rebels move unincumbered with baggage, and in consequence with great celerity, and if our armies are to be supplied by vast and unwieldy baggage-trains, they can never catch up with them. I am glad that the House, by a vote of fifty-four to twenty-one, sustained these views and the amendment of Mr. Taylor. Mr. Finnell proposed to amend the bill by making the pay the same as in the Federal army, except the non-commissioned officers and privates, who are to receive $18 a month instead of $13. This was opposed by Messrs. Underwood and B. Clay. The original bill reduces the pay of officers, but leaves privates the same as in the regular army, and it does not provide for clothing or for transportation. This amendment was rejected by a vote of forty-three to thirty-six, notwithstanding an eloquent appeal in its favor by its originator. The soldiers called into the service of the State are not put on an equal footing with those in the Federal pay; the latter obtain three dollars and a half monthly as commutation for clothing and are transported without expense from their place of enlistment to their regiments and to their homes when discharged. While our State troops thus receive less pay they do not subject themselves to any less danger, and Kentucky should be liberal to her volunteers without stint, and not put them in a position to be stigmatized as half-pay soldiers. Kentucky should adopt no niggard policy—she should be ready to expend her last dollar on those who are willing to expend their last drop of blood in her defence. She should be princely in her provisions for their comfort and that of their dependent families left behind. Cold charity is but poor food for the thousands of wives and children who are now appealing everywhere for aid, and even the Federal allotment system has proved inadequate. There is no one probably in the Legislature who proposes to enlist as a private soldier, but many will be happy to serve as officers with liberal salaries, and it seems hard, therefore, that a beggarly pittance should be doled out to the patriots who fill our ranks. Mr. Turner moved to lay the bill and all its amendments on the table, but this was negatived. Various other propositions were made and rejected, for there are four distinct opinions in the House—one wants the bill as reported from the Committee, the second wants a State army of three thousand to be organized and kept in pay, the third wants all defence to be left to the Federal Government, and the fourth wants to do nothing to oppose the advance of the Confederates and marauding bands. The temper of the House, however, was evidently averse to any innovation on the bill as carefully prepared by the Committee. To try the opinion of members on what might be regarded as a test question, Mr. Z. Ward, of Woodford, moved an amendment that no recruit to this force shall be received until the full quota of the State is obtained under a draft, which was rejected, and the bill was then passed, 64 yeas, 16 nays.

J. S. W.

NEWS FROM CUMBERLAND GAP.—The Editor of the Commonwealth learns by private letter to a citizen of Frankfort from the Gap, of the date of the 20th, that the enemy on this side of the mountain is said to consist of eight regiments of infantry, three thousand cavalry, and six pieces of artillery. The Home Guards have fired on them at different times, with what result is not known. The correspondent says. "We have rations to last us at least fifty days. We have full rations of bacon and beef for thirty-eight days, and by reducing them we could make them last sixty. Of rice, hominy, and beans we have enough for 112 days. Breadstuffs we have only for fifteen days, but can grind our hominy on the mill, and make rations that will last much longer than an enemy can live on Cumberland river." The correspondent says the officers many of them are very anxious to go out and meet the enemy, but General Morgan will not allow it. He says the pickets were firing all day of the 19th and 20th on the south side of the mountain, with but little damage in all probability to either side. The enemy were seen about Pattersou's, two and a half miles south, and some dozen shells were thrown amongst them. Our readers will see from this that the enemy are besieging General Morgan, and the rumors of a repulse may have some foundation in fact.

☞ A rebel paper says, that, in the South, "Hope leans trustfully upon her anchor." She may lean upon it if she likes, but she has drifted out to a part of the ocean of events, where she has not cable enough to let her anchor touch bottom.

☞ It is said there are fellows in some of the States who sue the volunteers and trustee the bounties given them. Such scamps should be promptly arrested and punished for discouraging enlistments.

☞ There is nothing in Jeff Davis's message calculated to create alarm in the United States except his appeal to Providence. Something must undoubtedly be done about that.

☞ Gallatin is occupied at present by Col. Haubright's Pennsylvania regiment.

[From the Cincinnati Gazette.]

RICHMOND, Aug. 24, 1862.

I have had stirring times since I left Lexington. Yesterday, about one o'clock, my pickets were driven in from the top of Big Hill, about fifteen miles from Richmond, to my camp near the foot of the hill. I immediately called out all the men I could call together—numbering about four hundred—and started for the summit. When near our destination, we dismounted, and made the attack on foot upon the enemy, who were posted about 400 yards beyond the top.

One company, commanded by Captain Berry, had gone forward, but returned to the top, secured men being killed, and Colonel Berry having had two horses shot under him. We then moved forward on foot amid a shower of bullets and shells, which so terrified my raw, undisciplined recruits, that I could not bring more than one hundred of them in sight of the enemy. The great majority, I am sorry to say, mounted their horses and fled, without even getting a look at the foe. It was impossible to rally them, and they continued their flight to some distance north of Richmond, and were only checked by meeting the brigade under Colonel Link, who compelled them to return to Richmond, where they now are.

The few brave boys who did their duty were sacrificed through these cowards; for I have no hesitation in saying that if the latter had obeyed my orders the rebels would have been whipped. Weakened as they were the hundred men fought the enemy for an hour and a half, and finally fell back. The rebels were frightened by the shells, but I do not think a single person was killed by them, or a wound received, except a slight one on my hand, from a shell which exploded within a few feet, enveloping me completely in smoke and dust.

Fifty men will cover our loss in killed, wounded, and prisoners, ten men being killed. We killed twenty-five of the rebels.

I have been bobbing the enemy in check for four days, though their forces are greatly superior to mine, and are posted on both sides of me, less than fourteen miles distant, and may each attack me at any hour. I had determined, however, to fight before giving up the advanced position I then held, hoping that reinforcements, forage, and provisions would arrive. During the four days my horses had been fed with corn but twice. The country south of Big Hill is entirely destitute, and subsistence for cavalry must be sent from Lexington. To supply one cavalry regiment at the Gap one hundred wagons will be required.

I had a narrow escape. Shortly after the above encounter, while with Col. Dan, some distance behind our men, a hundred rebels dashed down the road after us. Fortunately I had placed about two hundred Tennessee infantry in the bushes on the roadside, who fired on the enemy as they were seizing us. Several of them were killed and wounded, the rest driven back, and we saved. At the time the Tennesseans fired there was not a man of my regiment in sight. In company with my deliverers I hastened to the camp, where I found about two hundred men, and tried to rally them. The enemy appeared again in five or ten minutes, when my force ran pell-mell at the first fire. The Tennesseans, however, showed good courage, and checked the rebel approach, killing several by their well-directed fire.

They also took some prisoners, who say that their command consisted of two regiments of cavalry, having one battery of three pieces of cannon. They were reported to number about 1,200 men.

The odds were fearful—twelve to one, but I was determined to have a fight, and would not leave my position unless driven from it. I think we did exceedingly well under the circumstances.

The enemy pursued us to this place, where we arrived about ten o'clock. Shortly after they sent in a flag of truce, demanding an unconditional surrender of myself and the town. I replied that I would not surrender, and would fight it out. I sent their flag-bearer out of town, and immediately despatched runners out on the Lexington road to hasten Col. Link, who was approaching from that direction. He arrived about 12 o'clock with reinforcements, and the enemy concluded to postpone their attack, and to-day retreated.

LEONIDAS METCALFE.

THE FIGHT AT BIG HILL.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY OF KENTUCKY, RICHMOND, August 26, 1862.

General Orders, No. 2.

On Saturday, the 23d inst., the Seventh Kentucky Cavalry, under Colonel Metcalfe, together with a battalion of Hotck's Third Tennessee Regiment, under Lieut.-Col. Childs, attacked the enemy on Big Hill, in Rockcastle county. Col. Metcalfe led the attack with much gallantry, but had the mortification to find that not more than one hundred of his regiment followed him; the remainder, at the first onset, basely fled and left him with a pack of cowards, and are now dispersed over a half-dozen counties, some fleeing as far as Paris.

All Provost Marshals are hereby ordered to arrest and commit to jail any of this regiment, officers or men, who may be found, under any pretence, to be in their neighborhoods, and report their names and rank to the Adjotant-General at these Headquarters, and to hold them subject to orders.

The conduct of the Tennessee battalion, under Lieut.-Col. Childs, presents a refreshing contrast to the foregoing. They met the enemy bravely, checked his advance, rescued Col. Metcalfe, abandoned by his own regiment, and, though too few to retrieve the action, at least saved the honor of our arms. Lieut.-Col. Childs will accept the thanks of the Major-General, and convey to his officers and soldiers his high appreciation of their gallantry and good conduct.

By order of Major-General NELSON.

J. MILLS KENDRICK,
A. A. G., and Chief of Staff.

Official—J. E. STACEY, A. A. A. G.

To the Editors of the Louisville Journal:

CAIRO, Aug. 24, 1862.

GENTLEMEN: I have just seen a letter in your paper of yesterday, from John Ouey, of Pulaski, that requires a few corrections. Your editorial referred to, was, with one exception, correct. That one exception was the unconditional release of R. O. Cobb, the last time he was arrested. It is true that the commander of the post at Paducah advised his release, but, as he was arrested in Gen. Boyle's command, and my appointment as Marshal coming directly from Gen. B., I could not recognize any jurisdiction in the matter in Col. Oluey; and therefore held Mr. Cobb under $10,000 bonds to appear whenever his presence should be required. The bond is on file in the Marshal's office, or was when I left, and Cobb can be prosecuted at any time. Col. Olney says he sent a force to Eddyville and arrested Mr. Cobb. The force was sent for another purpose, and Capt. Flood arrested Cobb at the suggestion of some loyal citizens. Col. O. says, upon investigation of the case, he could not learn that Cobb was guilty of any recent acts of disloyalty. Direct charges of his violating his oath are on record in the Marshal's office at Paducah, properly signed, and will be substantiated whenever the witnesses are called upon. Col. O says *he* sent Cobb's brother to Louisville. On the contrary, the commitment was made by myself as an agent of Gen. Boyle to Col. Dent, and the papers are on file in the office of the latter. Col. O. says that R. C. Cobb was released by Colonel Noble. On the contrary he was released on taking oath and giving bonds, by the military commissioner then in session at Paducah, and I heard Colonel Noble say repeatedly that he thought he ought to have been sent off out of the country.

I make these remarks merely in justice to Colonel Noble, myself, and the *records* of the Marshal's office at Paducah and Louisville.

Very respectfully,

JNO. R. HOWLETT,
Late Provost Marshal under General Boyle, Paducah, Ky.

[Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.]

FIGHT BETWEEN THE HOME GUARDS OF DANVILLE AND THE REBELS—TOTAL DEFEAT OF THE LATTER.

DANVILLE, August 26, 1862.

The Home Guards of this place were informed by couriers last night that between two and three hundred recruits for the guerilla bands now infesting the mountain districts had passed through Parksville, seven miles from here, and were on their way to join Scott's Louisiana Cavalry, by the Stanford road, which intersects the Danville and Hustonville pike some six miles south of this place. About thirty-six men immediately armed and mounted themselves, and left, under command of Capt. Al. Chiles, determined to harass, if they could not defeat them.

At a short distance down the Stanford road they captured a straggler of the rebel band, who told them that the whole force was encamped about a mile from there in the yard of John Shelby, Esq., a staunch Union man. Capt. Chiles then dismounted his men and marched them in admirable order to the avenue leading to Mr. Shelby's house. He there divided them, giving U. S. Marshal Sneed command of one squad, he retaining command of the other. Orders were heard being issued by the rebel officers, which indicated that they were anticipating the attack. The two squads fired simultaneously, which the rebels returned, and then, as we were this morning informed, retreated into the house and in the rear of it, saying they were surrounded by four hundred cavalry, which they thought had been pursuing them for two days. Capt. Chiles then ordered his men to "take trees," and a rambling fire was carried on as long as the rebels returned it which they did in poor style.

The vastly inferior force of Capt. Chiles and the almost impenetrable darkness would not permit of his advancing to the house—he not being aware of the fright and confusion of the enemy. Had he known the panic which prevailed among them he might easily have captured the whole party, but, acting with that caution in the face of a force over five times as great as his own which should characterize military leaders, he withdrew his little band with out the loss of a drop of blood. One of his men, however—Mr. John Durham—was slightly wounded by his pickets. He had been separated from the main body and they mistook him for a rebel. In the meantime a body of Home Guards from Harrodsburg, about fifteen men commanded by Capt. Jack Mann, had gone to this point for the purpose of attacking the rebels, they not knowing of Capt. Chiles's intentions nor he of theirs. They had a skirmish with the rebels before Capt. Chiles's company arrived at the scene of action, and then retired to this place.

Capt. Chiles afterwards made his attack, not having seen or heard of Capt. Mann. One of Capt. Mann's party—Mr. James Petty, of Harrodsburg—was shot and killed through mistake by one of Capt. Chiles's pickets. The Harrodsburg squad arrived here about dawn, and, being unable to give any information of Capt. Chiles or his men, and none of them having arrived, six or eight men, including your correspondent, immediately started to ascertain their fate. When we arrived at Mr. Shelby's we found about thirty horses belonging to the rebels in the yard, three rebels dead, twelve wounded, and thirteen who were able-bodied and armed, but who surrendered without resistance. Capt. Chiles's company had not been at the house, but we learned from a member of it that they had gone to Danville before day. The main body of the rebels had left about dawn for Stanford. We secured the prisoners and horses and sent the former with an *escort of honor* (?) to General Smith's headquarters at Kentucky river. The horses, too, were left to Gen. Boyle's disposal. The *worthy gentlemen* comprising the aforesaid rebellious band were rude, uncouth representatives of Henry, Nelson, Oldham, and one or two other counties. One Lieutenant Alston, of Morgan's *chivalric horse stealers*, commanding the party, who, the prisoners said, proved himself the reverse of Miles Standish—a "man of words, not of actions," save and except his remarkable celerity in skedaddling.

This gallant band of searchers-after-their-rights, who were driven into irreparable confusion by a force one-fifth their own, and who lost three in killed, twelve in wounded, seventeen in prisoners (including stragglers taken up), and thirty horses, were armed with revolvers, shot-guns, and Kentucky rifles.

The foregoing statement I know to be true and reliable. I feel that a grateful people will award to Capt. Chiles and his brave comrades that praise which their gallantry so eminently deserves. W.

P. S.—Since writing the above, I have seen some ten or twelve additional prisoners, stragglers from the main body. W.

LATER.

DANVILLE, Ky., Aug. 26—7 P. M.

EDITORS JOURNAL: I sent you a few hasty lines this morning. Since then I have learned more about the affair.

When the rebels were found, they had camped in front of Mr. John Shelby's house, seven miles south of this place. Our men made an attack on them; the rebels retreated into the house and cellar, and laid down for fear of balls from the windows. Mr. Shelby and family were retained in the house (they being Union) as safeguards. Our men killed and wounded fifteen, and brought away seventeen prisoners and a number of horses. To-day other prisoners were picked up and brought in, making the total 39 prisoners. The men were recruited in Shelby, Spencer, Owen, and Henry mostly, and were under the command of Alston, Morgan's Adjutant. The rebels were taken by surprise and thought they were surrounded by five hundred men, and expected to surrender at daylight; so what must have been their surprise this morning to see no troops around them! They left in a hurry, with a loss of fifty-two killed, wounded, and prisoners. No one of our men was killed or wounded by them. W.

WASHINGTON, August 27.

The following official despatch has been received:

Helena, Ark., August 24, via Cairo, 26.—To Major-General Halleck, Commander-in-Chief: Satisfactory news is received of the army and navy expedition which was sent down the river. Near Milliken's Bend, the rebel transport Dolphin was captured, with a large cargo of arms and ammunition. The rebel force was pursued by our troops to Monroe, La., where there is railroad and telegraph communication. The railroad depot was burned and the telegraph destroyed, cutting off communication and connection at Vicksburg with Little Rock, Ark., and Providence, La. Thirty-five prisoners were taken, and a large number of negroes, who were in the rebel force, and brought away eleven hogsheads of sugar. Three baggage wagons and six trucks were destroyed. A portion of our force, with the rams, entered Yazoo river, where a battery of forty-two pounders and two field-pieces were taken, the enemy fleeing without firing a gun. The heavy pieces were destroyed, but the field-pieces were brought away. The expedition ascended the Yazoo above Sunflower and returned up the Mississippi, the troops scouring the shores and scattering guerilla camps with great success. This is the substance of Col. Wood's report. Much credit is due to Acting Flag Officer Phelps, who commanded the naval forces. Col. Ellet, who commanded the ram fleet, * * * leaving Helena, and it has returned to the latter place after having accomplished its work with great success.

Senator Seward left Washington to-day for several weeks' sojourn at his home in New York.

(Herald's Despatch.)

NEW YORK, August 27.

The condition of affairs in Maryland is not satisfactory to loyal Union men. It is well known that the rebels there are openly organized in every county in the State, and there is reason to believe they are fully prepared with arms, and only wait an opportunity to raise the black flag of rebellion. The military authorities are strongly urged to require the disarming immediately of all who will not take the oath of allegiance.

(Times' Despatch.)

The cabinet had a meeting to-day. The general feeling over public affairs was decidedly more hopeful than for some time past. The President is understood to have said that the crisis is passed and the point of danger turned.

The recent political arrests are justified on the ground that the course of the parties arrested was such as to discourage enlistments. The Government does not intend or desire to be understood as intending to interpose any obstacle to the freest criticism of public men or measures.

Its policy in suppressing the rebellion is regarded a legitimate subject of popular discussion, but the rebellion itself must not be defeated nor the Government by measures opposed to the prejudice of the recruiting service.

CHICAGO, August 27.

A special to the Tribune from Cairo Saturday last says that a train of cars on the Memphis and Charleston Road when three miles beyond Cortland was attacked by guerillas numbering 400, destroying the train, which was in charge of a detachment of the 42d Illinois. Eight rebels were killed. Federal loss two wounded and two missing.

MEMPHIS, Aug. 25.

The Grenada Appeal of the 21st says that the British steamer Racer touched at Charleston on the 20th, having despatches for foreign consuls, and then sailed southward.

A fierce quarrel is raging between General Bragg and the Mobile and Vicksburg papers. A long correspondence between Bragg and the editors is published.

A manufactory for Colt's revolvers has just started at Macon, Ga.

The Vicksburg Whig says the Federal gunboats have taken six unmounted heavy guns from Maques Bluff, Yazoo river. There were rumors from secession sources that the gunboats had also captured a steamer laden with 25,000 stand of arms near Milliken's Bend, the arms destined for General Hindman at Little Rock.

LEXINGTON, KY., August 26.

General Green Clay Smith arrived here today. He will be assigned a brigade. He reports having fought with Scott's Cavalry on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday of last week, in different engagements, at Crab Orchard and Mount Vernon. Scott's forces consisted of fifteen hundred cavalry and three pieces of artillery. Smith, with six hundred of the Ninth Pennsylvania Cavalry, armed only with pistols, was victorious every time, and lost only one man wounded. The rebel loss is not known.

The rebels, this side of the Gap, are being reinforced, supposed to the number of twenty thousand.

ST. PAUL, August 27.

Despatches received this evening from Lieutenant-Governor Donnelly and Col. Sibley's forces left St. Peters on Tuesday for Fort Rigley. It was reported that Col. Flanders was obliged to leave New Ulm on Monday. He lost ten men in a fight on Saturday. There is no doubt

☞ Jeff Davis, in his late message, proclaims that the order of the Federal Government to its armies to draw their supplies from the regions through which they march, making compensation or providing for having it made hereafter, only to loyal men, is a violation of the laws of nations and all the rules of civilized warfare, demanding the most rigorous measures of retaliation. Favorably as foreign nations may be disposed to judge President Davis and his Government, this portion of his message cannot fail to astonish and disgust them. They must necessarily regard it as conclusive evidence either of his shameful ignorance or his shameful dishonesty.

No principle is better established or more universally recognized in the code and practice of belligerent nations than that an army invading the territory of a hostile power may rightfully draw its subsistence from the people around. There is not a nation of Europe that ever had an opportunity to carry that principle into practice and neglected to do so. The principle is laid down by every eminent writer, European or American, on international law or the laws of war.

The United States undertook to carry on the war against Mexico, in consideration of her being a feeble power, upon principles of the greatest forbearance and the highest liberality. At its commencement and for some time afterwards, as in the first year of this rebellion, instructions were given by our Government that our armies should regard private property as sacred. It was hoped in that war, as it has been hoped in this, that such kindness would remove every false impression from the minds of our enemies and make them regard us as their friends. But kindness failed there as it has failed here, and the Government felt itself forced then, as it has felt itself forced now, to adopt a sterner policy, one more in keeping with the uniform policy of foreign Governments. Accordingly on the 22d of September, 1846, instructions were given by the Secretary of War to Major-General Taylor to "draw supplies" for our army "from the enemy, *without paying for them*, and to require contributions for its support, if in that way he can satisfied he could get abundant supplies for his forces." These instructions were as follows:

The instructions heretofore given have required you to treat with great kindness the people, to respect private property, and to abstain from appropriating it to the public use without purchase at a fair price. It is now respects this is going far beyond the common requirements of civilized warfare. *An invading army has the unquestionable right to draw its supplies from the enemy, without paying for them, and to require contributions for its support.*

Upon the liberal principles of civilized warfare, either of three modes may be pursued in relation to obtaining supplies from the enemy: First, to purchase them on such terms as the inhabitants of the country may choose to exact; second, to require without payment, and to the enhanced value resulting from the presence of a foreign army; and, third, to require them as contributions, *without paying or promising to pay therefor.*

The last mode is the ordinary one, and you are instructed to adopt it, if in that way you are satisfied you can get abundant supplies for your forces. * * The President hopes that you will be able to derive from the enemy's country, without expense to the United States, the supplies you may need.

On the 3d of April, 1847, Mr. Marcy recalled these instructions to the notice of Gen. Scott, and added that, "as the Mexicans persist in protracting the war, it is expected that, in the further prosecution of it, you will exercise all the acknowledged rights of a belligerent, for the purpose of shifting the burden of it from ourselves upon them."

It is true that our Generals in Mexico found it impracticable to carry out their instructions on account of the condition of the people and the country, but neither Jeff Davis nor Beauregard nor any of the other Southern officers who were in our army nor any officers or civilians anywhere, either on this side of the Atlantic or the other, ever suggested that the instructions were barbarous or unusual.

ROLL OF HONOR.—A friend has furnished us with the names of Capt. Horace N. Atkinson's command of the Fiftieth Indiana Infantry, who repulsed one thousand of Morgan's cavalry at Edgfield Junction recently after a contest of three hours. The names, which deserve immortality, are as follows:

Captain—Horace N. Atkinson.

Sergeants—William McKnight and W. H. Kennedy.

Corporals—R. Gardner and H. Holladay.

Privates — Jas. Smith, Jon. Hookel, A. Pavey, Jos. Watson, G. F. Zeigler, Samuel Smith, Jon. F. Wilson, Joseph Moron, David Turpie, of Company G; and private M. V. Lowe, M. Slattery, H. Smith, F. Sparkes, T. Gardner, John Cunningham, John Smith and Wm. Boggs, of Company K.

Only four hundred of Morgan's men came upon Capt. Atkinson at one time, but the entire rebel force was there and assisted in the fight. Capt. Atkinson had the advantage of a stockade, but the rebels burnt a row of hay stacks within twenty or thirty steps of the fortifications, and the heat was so intense that some of the men's clothes caught fire. Capt. A.'s men had marched all night, and had not eaten for twenty-four hours. They had resolved not to surrender, and they did not. Their daring and bravery are not surpassed in history. Adjutant Niles and his dead companions have been decently interred near the scene of the engagement.

☞ If it is true, as stated, that there are from fifty to sixty thousand rebel troops around Cumberland Gap, hemming in Gen. Morgan's gallant Division, there must, we should think, have been a pretty extensive evacuation of Chattanooga and other portions of East Tennessee by the rebel forces. In that case, it would seem, Gen. Buell now has his opportunity for vigorous movement and action, and must appreciate the duty not only of seizing highly important positions with a view to hold them permanently but of marching with all practicable expedition against the rebel army on the Tennessee side of the Gap. In peace "time is money," in war it is victory.

We do not know what to believe as to the numerical strength of the rebels on this side of the Gap and in Gen. Morgan's rear. If it is as great as some accounts represent it, there is certainly ground for apprehension that Gen. Nelson has not a sufficiently strong force at his command to open the way to the Gap and may have to wait for reinforcements. Certainly he cannot, with his present strength, open a way through twenty or thirty thousand rebels if he has many such non-combatants among his troops as figured lately under Col. Metcalfe and Gen. R. W. Johnson. But Nelson may be trusted to do whatever can be done. He has brains and bravery enough for a regiment.

STATISTICS OF MORTALITY.—Since the general hospitals for soldiers were established in this city, less than twelve months ago, one thousand and forty-seven deaths have occurred. At a single glance this bill of mortality would appear large, but when we consider the number of patients treated and the virulence of the diseases under which those patients labored, we wonder that the fatality has not been greater. The salvation of many lives, however, and the alleviation of much suffering may be attributed to our admirable hospital accommodations in part, but mainly to the skill and attention of the attending surgeons and the devotion of our loyal women, who have nursed our sick and wounded soldiers with as much devotion as they would display toward a son or brother. It will be a source of gratification to the friends of the patriotic dead to know that the bodies of those who have thus died in the service of their country have been interred with care and with all the forms of Christian burial. To Mr. Wash. Wyatt, the popular undertaker, has been committed the delicate charge of interring the remains of soldiers who have died in this city, and the duty has been most faithfully discharged.

THE NEW IRONSIDES.—We, like the rest of the country, have been looking anxiously every day for the achievement of the New Ironsides, which is said to have left Philadelphia on Thursday of last week. But we learn, by despatch of August 20th from Fortress Monroe, that she was then lying abreast of the Fortress, and that every eye was bent upon her with the query—what has she come here for?

We can talk no more about the New Ironsides until she does something.

☞ When the Hon. A. O. P. Nicholson, formerly of the U. S. Senate, was arrested recently in Tennessee, by order of Gen. Negley, his loving wife bade him rot in prison rather than take the oath of allegiance. He affectionately promised her to rot. No doubt he is rotting. But we guess she keeps far enough off not to smell him.

☞ We wish a General Order might be issued that every officer or soldier who runs when he ought to fight should have a letter branded upon his forehead, and that he himself should be allowed to choose between T and C—Traitor and Coward.

JOHN MORGAN AT GLASGOW.—We received information direct from Glasgow last evening to the effect that Morgan had taken possession of that place yesterday morning with a force of two hundred cavalry. He had made several arrests, and among those who were captured were the Provost Marshal and a number of the leading citizens of the place. Morgan had a reserve force of from fifteen hundred to two thousand men, who were hourly expected in Glasgow.

☞ By order of the U. S. military authorities, the paroles that have been given by the men taken by the guerillas are annulled. Those men must return to duty. If they are afraid, that, in case they are recaptured, they will be punished by the rebels for a violation of parole, all they have got to do is to refuse to be recaptured.

☞ Christianity and Patriotism are described as twin sisters in the family of Virtue. But unfortunately they are not Siamese twins, bound by an indissoluble ligature, for they sometimes travel in different directions.

☞ Shakspeare speaks of the worthlessness of "idlers' oaths." If he had lived in such times as ours, he would have said rebels' oaths.

☞ Go forth and grasp the weapons of your country. If you can't do that, grasp the money in your pockets to aid those who can.

☞ Unless we prosecute this war to a successful close, our country will soon have no light but "the light of other days."

☞ If any of our friends think that the Union soldiers in the field are not doing good work, let them go and do better.

☞ Those who go into the service of their country do no more than their duty. Those who go not do less.

☞ Fellow citizens, let us all resolve that no miserable future shall shame our beautiful and glorious past.

☞ The country must have money, and it must have men. Luckily our people have the one and are the other.

☞ The volunteer system is better than the draft, for, as a general rule, it secures better fighters.

☞ A statement should be well grounded; a vessel shouldn't use rules it belongs to the rebels.

(Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.)

LETTER FROM CUMBERLAND BRIDGE.

CAMP CUMBERLAND BRIDGE,
Near Lancaster, Aug. 24, 1862.

Yesterday morning our whole regiment (the 9th Pennsylvania Cavalry, led by Gen. Smith and Col. Williams) marched from Crab Orchard to drive the rebels from Mount Vernon, as they would not come on to attack us with their superior force. They had no pickets out along the road, and the messages delivered to us by all the farmers on the road near Mount Vernon were that they were drawn up in line of battle in an advantageous position to await our attack. Our advance guard of two companies marched into and beyond the town and found no enemy, but found one of the men, shot yesterday, dead, and one wounded, and a soldier left in charge of him. We buried the soldier.

We were told that Gen. Scott had marched just before we came by a side road to Crab Orchard to attack us in flank and take the town; believing the tale, we instantly countermarched thirteen miles for the defence of the town, arriving in Crab Orchard there were no signs of the enemy, but were arrived that he was waiting to make a night attack. All preparations were made to give him a *particularly warm* reception. A despatch arrived in the night from Richmond that Scott had attacked and routed Metcalfe's Kentucky cavalry, and that Metcalfe's routed men were crowding into Richmond at sunset. We at once mounted and marched in the night to Lancaster, arriving at daybreak, for the double purpose (as I understood) of meeting artillery marching to join us, and to keep on the flank of the enemy at Richmond. After feeding the hungry horses and more hungry men, and no artillery appearing, we took up our line of march towards Nicholasville. When our artillery was said to have arrived, we were met on the way by a despatch ordering us, as I understand, to the defence of the beautiful and costly bridge spanning the Cumberland at this place. We drew rein here at dark, after a march and fight of six days, and the men were permitted for the first time in the six days to take the saddles off the backs of the poor, galled, and tired horses. The regiment having been under the whole time in momentary expectation of meeting the enemy, or in actual conflict with him, or out on scout, or picket duty—the soldiers have not averged more than one meal a day—the horses sometimes one and sometimes two. Not a man, however, has murmured at his toils or his trials, but many have passed severe judgment on the supineness of many Kentuckians in not rising in arms to defend their State and their property from these rebel marauds. Were they to do it, neither Scott nor Forrest could make his way through two counties. Though the secesh are great on bushwhacking, there is nothing they so much dread being practised on themselves, unless it is a cavalry sabre charge in an open road or field. The great difficulty of the U. S. cavalry has been the want of artillery.

Our pickets captured one of Scott's men, of a Georgia regiment, northeast of Lancaster, who reported the repulse of Metcalfe and that Scott had surrounded Richmond though the corn-fields, &c., and for some cause concluded not to attack the town but to retreat towards Mount Vernon. We are lying to-night at Cumberland Bridge, expecting to be reinforced with cavalry and artillery, and to move at daylight on the 26th southward, under command of Brigadier-General Johnson, of Kentucky. Our prisoners at Mount Vernon informed us that the 1st Louisiana Tiger Cavalry intended to make way with the 9th Pennsylvania if it cost them their last man. We wish them a jolly time of it, and think that it *will* cost that "last man," and perhaps a few more *last men*, if they have them. If they have any desire for a good old cavalry fight with cold steel, we are the very lads for them to try their hands on. As Burns says,

> Then put a sword into his hand,
> Before an thou hae time to think,
> Syne bid him wield it like a man,
> An' fell a thousand at a blow.

Yours truly, LOCHIEL.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.

An Alexandria correspondent of the Tribune states that on Wednesday night the pickets at Manassas Junction were driven in and that two companies of the 105th Pennsylvania, 1 company of the Pennsylvania cavalry, and some artillery stationed there were surprised and attacked by Gen. Ewell's entire division, numbering from 7,000 to 10,000 infantry and cavalry, with artillery. After a short skirmish, the handful met at the Junction fled, the rebels turning upon them the two of our own guns and keeping up a brisk fire, till the Union troops were taken prisoners, a few escaping across Bull Run.

There at Union Mills, two regiments of Gen. Cox's division, of the 11th and 12th Ohio under Col. Scammon, were stationed; and they immediately advanced to meet the approaching body of rebels. A conflict ensued early in the morning between the Junction and Bull Run, lasting for three hours, when, the Union troops being overpowered and flanked on the right, retired across Bull Run bridge. Here a vigorous attempt was made by Col. Scammon to hold the bridge.

At 11 o'clock two rebel regiments forded the Run above the bridge, when the 12th Ohio charged on them and drove them across the river with heavy loss. In this skirmish Capt. D. W. Pauley was wounded slightly. The regiment lost in killed, wounded, and missing 35 to 40 men. At 12 o'clock Col. Scammon was obliged to retire, moving along the railroad in the direction of Alexandria. The rebels advanced across Bull Run, and yesterday P. M. their advance cavalry were at Fairfax and Burtis' Station.

On taking possession of Manassas Junction the rebels captured seven trains loaded with provisions, ammunition, &c., and ten locomotives, all of which they destroyed.

Of the 84 men of the 105th Pennsylvania, on the ground, nearly all were killed, wounded, or taken prisoners, as only three are known to have escaped.

Our loss has been immense in Government stores, and large in killed, wounded, and missing. Telegraphic communication with Gen. Pope was had yesterday via Fredericksburg. None whatever direct.

Later.—A Captain, just in from Centreville, says that firing was heard early this morning beyond Manassas, and it is believed that General Pope had attacked General Ewell in the rear.

A Washington correspondent states that the 1st New Jersey Brigade, Gen. Harney, are reported to have engaged the enemy near Bull Run bridge, where a desperate struggle was maintained. The bridge is still said to be in our possession. The fighting was also carried on with portions of the Division of Sturgis's and nine pieces of artillery are said to have been captured by the rebels.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.

The Washington Star of last evening says the Postmaster of Fairfax C. H. arrived from there on Sunday. He reports seeing a bright light after leaving. The Star also has the following: The enemy was encamped some 20,000 or 30,000 strong at Gainesville, near Manassas Junction. At 2 o'clock on Thursday morning a large portion of Taylor's Jersey brigade was captured at Fairfax Station. The rebels, on Thursday night, burnt the bridges at Accotink and Pope's run, and are supposed to be moving off to evade pursuit.

The Alexandria correspondent of the Philadelphia Inquirer says that Gen. Pope succeeded in holding their own in the vicinity of Manassas, and got down as far as Burk's station last night. Various rumors are afloat, but no one is allowed to go down the road but troops.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., August 28.

A gentleman who arrived here to-night reports that Gen. Taylor, in the engagement yesterday, was so severely wounded that he may have to submit to an amputation of the right leg.

This morning, about half-past eight o'clock, Stuart's rebel cavalry made a dash through Fairfax Court-house, on their way to Vienna, which is about thirteen miles from Washington. The Union people of Vienna have all fled to Washington.

A fight is going on to-day, it is reported, at Manassas. Heintzelman, from Pope's advance, had, it is rumored, got into Jackson's rear, who was supposed to be twenty thousand strong. The firing was distinctly heard here all day.

REBELS KILLED AT SHELBY'S FARM, BOYLE COUNTY.—The number of rebels killed in the engagement with the Home Guards at Dr. Shelby's farm, in Boyle county, on Monday night was fifteen. The Federals sustained no loss whatever.

☞ Part of the paroled prisoners from the Second Indiana Cavalry, who were recently captured by Morgan, at Gallatin, Tennessee, passed through Indianapolis on Thursday morning, en route for Camp Chase.

☞ A despatch from Columbus says that by Saturday night Ohio will have armed and equipped twenty regiments under the late call.

(Special Correspondence of the Louisville Journal.)

LETTER FROM FRANKFORT.

ROOM No. 40, CAPITAL HOTEL,
FRANKFORT, August 29, 1862.

In the Senate this morning the vetoed bill imposing an oath of allegiance on all ministers of the gospel before they can administer the rite of marriage, was called up. The veto message was read by the Clerk, after which Senator Whitaker took the floor and commented upon it, designating it as the last three of the conscientious scruples of our defunct Governor—the most extraordinary Governor that ever sat in the executive chair, but a gentleman of great personal worth and geniality. Why should not ministers take the oath of allegiance as well as Senators? It hurts no one to take such an oath, and this bill strikes at a class of men with no disrespect, it only places them on an equality with other citizens. When ministers forget the sacred character of their mission of peace will the tendering of an oath infuse additional bitterness into their hearts or teachings? He who preaches sedition forgets his mission of peace on earth and good will to all men. The Senator exposed the demagogueism of the use of the word "anti-Lincolnite" in the veto. There was no stigma on being a Lincolnite, for the President's course in office challenged the strictest investigation on the score of consistency, patriotism, and conservatism. We had no share in electing him, but he has proved himself equal to the emergency of this rebellion, and has won the respect of every loyal man in the nation. The Senator argued the message at length, and was replied to by Senator Reed, who objected to the bill because it was retrospective in its operations, and outlawed any minister who might have erred but had become repentant. The object of the bill is, of course, to prevent the preaching of treason but it does not effect it. Ministers may occupy their pulpits without taking the oath, though they may not solemnize marriage. The Senator said he had differed in opinion upon these subjects from others, and had been stigmatized as a sympathiser with rebellion in consequence thereof, but older and wiser men than he had also been thus stigmatized—the venerable Crittenden, as an example—and yet his loyalty and his devotion to the Union as it was, and the Constitution as it is, are undoubted. If disloyal ministers are to be restrained, let us strike at their ministerial functions in the pulpit, and not at the little privilege of making a few marriage fees.

Senator Speed said some manifestation had to be given by every persuasion that he would "render unto God the things which are God's"—an evidence of loyalty to God—and now let us demand also that he shall "render unto Cæsar the things which are Cæsar's." We have principle and authority for imposing this oath. The veto called it a "test oath," using an odious term to make the bill odious. Our Constitution prohibits ministers from occupying seats in the General Assembly; from their want of worldly experience and their great worldly influence, with their mere closet observation of life, they can do great harm. Marriage is solemnized under the statute law of the State, and he who exercises the authority is an official of the State, and should take the same oath that every other official is compelled to do. As to the retroactive operation of the bill, Mr. Speed thought if ministers so far unfrocked themselves, or forgot their duty as religionists to stand by their Government, they ought not to exercise their functions in the future. He was willing to forgive them, if repentant, as citizens, but he could not trust any one who had been derelict of the principles of the Bible to preach its gospel. The oath abnegates active participation in rebellion in the past, but has a broader scope in the future. Much had been said of forgiveness; he was not for straining the divine quality of mercy, but the great Architect who is all mercy is also terrible in his punishment of sinners. Ministers are exempt from military service by virtue of their functions, and it was the duty of the Legislature to take care that we were not favoring traitors. The vote was then taken on the bill and the Governor's veto was sustained 17 yeas, 9 nays, Senator DeHaven and Goodloe, in consequence of the retroactive feature of the bill, voting with the Senators who yesterday opposed the bill imposing an oath of allegiance on the teachers. The same bill will undoubtedly be passed striking out this retroactive clause.

The House bill to raise a State force of ten thousand men was taken up. Senator Whitaker objected to it because it made a different organization from the State militia law; that it would rest eight or ten millions annually, and that the re-enactment of the State Guard law, with some modifications, would raise a force which could effectively co-operate with the Federal forces and be received into the pay of the General Government. Senator Goodloe replied that there was nothing mandatory in the bill, that it was left to the discretion of the Governor to carry it out in case of emergency, and that it provided for a more expeditious organization than could be obtained under the militia or the State Guard law. The bill was discussed at length by Senator Reed against it and Senator Speed in its favor. The former regarded the power given the Governor to appoint a Brigadier-General to be in conflict with the constitution, but the latter explained that the bill was not a militia bill, but one to raise a State force or army. Without any definite action the Senate took a recess until four o'clock this afternoon, but, before that, Senator Bruner, under a suspension of the rules, reported a bill to provide that ministers should, before solemnizing the rite of marriage, take an oath of allegiance. This obtained the assent of twenty Senators, and was sent to the House for its concurrence.

The House of Representatives vindicated its dignity this morning by the expulsion of David P. May, member from Pike and Letcher. It was in evidence before the select committee that he had given personal aid and verbal comfort to the rebellion. When Gen. Nelson was in that section of the State last year, May, with other secession sympathizers, retired into Virginia and remained there until the Federal forces were withdrawn. He afterwards went off with Gen. Cerro Gordo Williams and has not yet returned.

The House was engaged the greater part of the morning on various military bills, but it is impossible as yet to estimate the temper of the body or to foresee what its ultimate action may be. Without coming to any decision an adjournment was ordered, as in the Senate, until four o'clock this afternoon. J. S. W.

☞ The following instructions have been given by Brigadier-General Boyle to the Provost Marshal General of Kentucky. The latter officer authorizes us to say that he will execute them vigorously, and that all Provost Marshals and Home Guards throughout the State will be held to a strict account for any and every violation of them:

HEADQUARTERS, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
August 27, 1862.

Lieut.-Col. Dent, Provost Marshal General:

SIR: You will see that the following instructions are carried out:

1. Provost Marshals are not authorized to charge fees, and it is unlawful to exact or receive fees. Any acting Provost Marshal who shall be guilty of exacting or receiving fees will be punished, unless the Legislature shall authorize fees to be charged. The service of Provost Marshals is gratuitous and patriotic and rendered without compensation.

II. Provost Guards, enrolled in aid of Provost Marshals and to enable them to suppress treason and preserve the peace, also render their service gratuitously.

III. Home Guards and Provost Guards are not allowed to arrest persons except on order of Provost Marshals or civil officers. Indiscriminate arrests and interference with private citizens must be discountenanced. Home Guards and all other citizens will arrest and put down guerilla bands and bands formed to join the rebels in arms against the Government of the United States and invading the State of Kentucky.

I am, dear Sir, very respectfully, your obedient servant, J. T. BOYLE,
Brig.-Gen'l Commanding.

Official. H. C. McDOWELL, A. A. G.

CHICAGO, August 29.

A despatch from Columbus, Nebraska, today says four or five hundred Sioux attacked Pawnee village on their reservation on the 27th, killing twelve to fourteen squaws and children and wounding several. The whites in the immediate neighborhood manifested no alarm as the Sioux did not show any disposition to molest them.

There is no confirmation of the statement that Springfield was burned.

Arms and ammunition have been sent to Fort Dodge from Davenport for defence of Northern counties in case of need.

MANASSAS JUNCTION, August 28.

To Maj. Gen. Halleck, Commander-in-Chief:

As soon as I discovered that a large force of the enemy was turning our right toward Manassas, and that the division I had ordered to take a position there two days before had not yet arrived there from Alexandria, I immediately broke up my camps at Warrenton Junction and marched rapidly back in three columns. I directed McDowell, with his own and Sigel's corps and Reno's division, to march upon Gainesville by the Warrenton and Alexandria pike; and the divisions of —— and Heintzelman to march on Greenwich, with Porter's corps and Hooker's division, I marched back to Manassas Junction. McDowell was ordered to interpose between the forces of the enemy which had passed down to Manassas through Gainesville, and his main body moving down from the White Plains through the thoroughfare. This was completely accomplished. Longstreet, who had passed through the Gap, being driven back to the west, the forces at Greenwich were also signed to support McDowell in case he met too large a force of the enemy. The division of Hooker, marching towards Manassas, came upon the enemy near Kettle Run, in the afternoon of the 27th, and after a sharp action routed them completely, killing and wounding 300, and capturing camps and baggage and many stand of arms.

This morning the command pushed rapidly to Manassas Junction, which Jackson had evacuated three hours in advance. He retreated by Centreville, and took the turnpike road toward Warrenton. He was met six miles west of Centreville by McDowell and Sigel. Late in the afternoon a severe fight took place, which was terminated by darkness. The enemy was driven back at all points and thus the affair rests.

Heintzelman's corps will move on him at daylight from Centreville, and I do not see how the enemy is to escape without heavy loss.

We have captured one thousand prisoners, many arms, and one piece of artillery.

(Signed) JOHN POPE, Maj.-Gen.

PHILADELPHIA, August 29.

The Baltimore American has a letter from Alexandria, dated three o'clock yesterday. It says that our troops are being pushed forward rapidly from there. General McClellan had visited Washington and accepted the command of the Army of Virginia.

Fugitives from Manassas and Fairfax report that a conflagration was visible in the direction of the latter place, and it was supposed the Government stores had been destroyed. It is also said that the rebels have destroyed the bridge over the Accotink creek, which is five miles this side of Manassas, Bull Run, and Centreville.

It is also said the rebels have captured two out of four New Jersey regiments stationed at Centreville.

General Brooke's brigade is reported to have checked the advance of the rebels at Centreville and driven them back to Manassas.

General Pope is beyond Manassas cut off from Washington.

General Burnside and General Porter's corps had landed at Acquia creek.

It is also said that Gen. Ewell has penetrated to the rear of Gen. Pope and occupied the left bank of the Occoquan River. A large force is marching to meet them, and to assist in opening a way to Gen. Pope and Gen. Burnside. If the movement is successful, it will doubtless place the rebel army in a worse position than that which the main body of our army is now in, as they can, if necessary, fall back to Fredericksburg and reach Washington by river; on the other hand, if Jackson is cut off, his army may be scattered and destroyed.

The movement of the rebels is a bold but hazardous one.

WASHINGTON, August 29.

The Washington Star of last evening says there was an engagement on Wednesday evening between Scammon's brigade and a heavy force of rebels in the immediate of the railroad bridge at Bull Run. The rebels held possession at nightfall, but it is believed that Scammon would dislodge them on Thursday morning. Hooker's division had an engagement on Wednesday morning with a rebel force near Bristoe Station, taking many. Hooker drove the rebels step by step back to the vicinity of Manassas. Our loss in this division is about 300.

The same paper says the rebels succeeded in throwing most of their army across the Rappahannock at the base of the Blue Ridge, massing them at White Plains, seven miles from Warrenton. It is evident they aim to cut between Pope's army and the fortifications around Washington, and having done so, they would have a lively time in getting out of this position. The movements of our vast army will tell the enemy's fate, and we have belief that a very few days will see the end of rebels in arms in Virginia.

Twenty-four hours, the Star says, will solve this problem.

NEW YORK, Aug. 29.

The Newark Mercury of this morning says a special messenger reached Trenton last night with despatches from the War Department for Gov. Olden to forward every man now enrolled to Washington, whether equipped or not. Two regiments leave immediately.

PHILADELPHIA, August 29.

The Washington National Republican of to-day says: Mr. Hawxhurst, of Fairfax, and Clerk of the Circuit Court, says that he and all the Union men in Fairfax were compelled to leave there on Wednesday. The rebels having taken possession of the place yesterday, he returned to learn the fate of his family, but was met on the way by citizens from Vienna, who were escaping from that place, 700 rebel cavalry having made a descent upon it. Not but one Union man is left in Vienna, which is but twelve miles from Washington. It is understood that there is a large rebel force at Leesburg, and the prevailing opinion is that they intend crossing into Maryland by way of Walker's ford, the water not being more than knee deep there.

NASHVILLE, August 29.

Gen. Rousseau has arrived and taken command of this post.

A portion of the Tennessee prisoners released at Vining Morton's ford this morning.

Strong fortifications are erected commanding this city.

The rebels have evacuated Chattanooga and gone to Knoxville.

(Private Alexandria Despatch by Mail.)

TRENTON, N. J., August 29.

The Fifteenth New Jersey volunteers, Col. Fowler, left for Washington at noon to-day. The regiment is numerically one thousand strong and armed with Enfields. It is one of the best ever raised in the State. The recruits for the nine months service are coming in rapidly. Two hundred arrived to-day from Hudson county.

ALBANY, August 29.

It is now positively known that the draft will not take place in this State on the 3d of September, nor can the time be definitely fixed. There are now about sixty thousand troops enrolled in the State to fill the call for three hundred thousand men. If one-fifth volunteer, it leaves but fifty-eight thousand to raise under the call for three hundred thousand militia. Probably about sixteen days will remain for volunteering before the draft.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
WASHINGTON, Aug 29.

General Order:

The following officers of the 71st regiment of Indiana volunteers have published a card stating that they advised Col. R. Mason, who has been cashiered for cowardice, to surrender Clarksville to the rebel forces, are, by direction of the President, dismissed from the service of the United States: 1st Lieutenant N. Gilbert, 2d Lieutenant Isaac Mason, 1st Lieutenant Ira L. Morris, Capt. Smith Clark, Capt. J. R. Woodward, Capt. N. W. Bowen, Capt. Solomon J. Honck, Capt. C. H. Craun, Lieut. T. T. Moore, Capt. Wm. B. Callender, Lieut. N. M. Drury, and Lieut. L. W. Beaver.

By order of the Secretary of War,
E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

Official Order, No. 115.

Col. Rodney Mason, of the Seventy-first Ohio Volunteers is, by order of the President of the United States, cashiered for repeated acts of cowardice in the face of the enemy.

[Signed] E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

Official Order No. 116.

Commissioned officers and enlisted men of the discharged three months' volunteers, who have been exchanged or released on parole by the enemy and not yet discharged from the United States service, are hereby mustered out and discharged. Officers and men of the forces aforesaid who may hereafter be exchanged or released by the enemy will be considered as regularly mustered out and discharged from the service of the United States from the date of their arrival in a loyal State.

[Signed] E. D. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

WASHINGTON, August 30.

Information has reached Washington, from private sources, that Gen. Pope came up with and attacked the enemy again, shortly after 2 o'clock this morning. Gen. Fitz John Porter had probably arrived on the field by that time from Manassas, only seven miles. The cannonading was distinctly heard in Washington.

The railroad was regularly run this morning from the town of Warrenton to Bristoe, so it is already clear. The only damage remaining to be repaired on the road is to build the Bull Run and Rappahannock bridges. The former should be completed to-night, and the latter may be in four or five days.

The news received from the army has occasioned the greatest excitement throughout this city.

Orders were issued by heads of different Bureaus, calling upon employees to repair to the battle-field for the purpose of attending to the condition of our wounded. The order required each man to provide himself with two days' rations. A prompt response was made to the call, and not only persons employed by Government, but many others left the city for the purpose stated. Although the engagement with the enemy was of the most appallingly sanguinary character, yet such is the confidence of Union men in the skill and strength of our army, that an abiding faith is everywhere discernable in our ultimate success.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 30.

The city authorities have received a despatch this evening from Col. Thomas A. Scott, saying that a hard battle had been fought to-day, and that the loss is heavy, and requesting to have all surgeons possible sent to Washington to-night.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 31—P. M.

Information received to-night indicates that there has been little if any fighting to-day. Our army is well concentrated and the men in good condition and spirits.

WASHINGTON, August 30.

Pope's statement that Hveintzelman's corps would move on the enemy at daylight is confirmed by hearing firing from that vicinity. Rumors of various successes reach us, but need confirmation. Yesterday the rebel scouts were seen at Langley's, near the chain bridge. Every precaution has been taken to prevent a surprise in that direction. The impression prevails that the rebels have been entrapped, and the result of the recent manœuvring is looked for intensely.

KENTUCKIANS, TO ARMS!

The loyal and stirring Proclamation of our Governor sounds a trumpet-call "To Arms!" He vividly recites the aggressions which have been heaped upon the State, and implores you by the glorious memories of the past and the hopes of the future to rally in your strength and beat back the insolent invader. There is no time for formal organization. Our city is designated as one of the mustering places, and no time must be lost. The loyal must rally and the disloyal must be restrained from holding communication, or giving aid and comfort to the foe. Governor Robinson tells us that the hastily recruited levies of our own and sister States have suffered a repulse which we trust is but temporary, but it will be an eternal disgrace to suffer this rebel menace to be long continued. Kentuckians must rally for the defence of their homes, with weapons or without them. If you have not arms, you must occupy the mountain defiles and passes and prepare to hurl rocks upon them. Your wives and children and your hearthstones are imperilled, and to protect them you must, if necessary, confront the foe with bare breasts and impale yourselves upon their murder-spotted bayonets. It is no time for hesitation; hesitation is the basest recreancy, and Kentuckians cannot be cowards. The issue is a plain one; we must either conquer our invaders or they will conquer us; we must be not only prepared but zealous to spend our last dollar and sacrifice our last drop of blood to blot from the escutcheon of our Commonwealth the disgraceful stain of invasion. Read the Governor's Proclamation and Gen. Finnell's orders, muster your companies in every neighborhood and report to Headquarters at Frankfort the names of your officers and your number.

PROCLAMATION OF GOV. ROBINSON, TO THE PEOPLE OF KENTUCKY.

A crisis has arisen in the history of the Commonwealth which demands of every loyal citizen of Kentucky prompt and efficient action. The State has been invaded by an insolent foe, her honor insulted, her peace disturbed, and her integrity imperilled. The small but gallant army raised upon the emergency of the occasion for her defence under the brave and chivalric Nelson has met with a temporary reverse, and the enemy is advancing in force for the accomplishment of his purpose—the subjugation of the State. He must be met and driven from our borders, and it is in your power to do so.

I, therefore, as the Governor of the Commonwealth, deem it my duty to call upon every loyal citizen of Kentucky to rally to the defence of the State. Not a moment is to be lost. I appeal to you as Kentuckians, as worthy sons of those who rescued the "dark and bloody ground" from savage barbarity, by the memories of the past of your history and by the fame which you won at Tippecanoe, to rouse yourselves, to rise in the majesty of your strength, and drive the insolent invaders of your soil from your midst. Now is the time for Kentuckians to defend themselves. Each man must constitute himself a soldier, arm himself as best he can, and meet the foe at every step of his advance.

The day and the hour, the safety of your homes and firesides, patriotism and duty alike demand that you rush to the rescue. I call upon the people, then, to rise up as one man, and strike a blow for the defence of their native land, their property, and their homes.

Rally to the standard wherever it may be nearest, place yourselves under the commanders, obey orders, trust to your own right arms and to the God of Battles, and the foe will be driven back discomfited and annihilated. To arms! to arms! and forty-three years hence, when the Stars and Stripes float in triumph throughout Kentucky, I but perform my duty in thus summoning you to the defence of your State, and I am assured that it will be promptly responded to. I promise that I will share with you the glory of the triumph which surely awaits loyal.

Done in the city of Frankfort the 31st day of August, 1862.

[Signed:] JAMES F. ROBINSON.

By the Governor:
D. C. WICKLIFFE, Secretary of State

HEADQUARTERS KENTUCKY VOLUNTEERS,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, August 31, 1862.

General Order No. 32.

It is hereby ordered, First—That the following points are hereby made rendezvous of all companies of Home Guards and citizens who shall respond to the call of the Governor, made by proclamation of this date, viz: Paris, Louisville, Munfordville, Bowling Green, and Paducah.

Second—As rapidly as companies are formed they will report to these headquarters the number of men in such company, the company commandants, and at which of the above-mentioned points they will rendezvous.

By order of the Governor.

JOHN W. FINNELL,
Adjutant General Ky. Volunteers.

ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FRANKFORT, August 31,

General Order No. 29.

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By order of the Governor.

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THE POSITION IN KENTUCKY.—It is idle to deny that danger is imminent to Kentucky. On Friday the undisciplined troops who were on the line towards Cumberland Gap met the enemy and drove them back several miles. On Saturday the rebels were largely reinforced and our raw levies could not resist their impetuous assaults. A line of battle was formed by noon in the day, and they resisted gallantly until overpowered by superior numbers at two o'clock. They then retired and re-formed in battle array at half-past two, but, unfortunately, at an early period after this General Nelson was shot in the groin and compelled to leave the field, and great disorder ensued. Our forces fell back with a loss of 100 to 150 killed and about two hundred and fifty wounded. Colonel Warner, of the Eighteenth Kentucky, and Colonel Toppin, of the Seventy-first Indiana, were killed. The rebels have passed the Kentucky river, and we learn that our only battery of six guns was captured by a force estimated at eighteen thousand under General Churchwell. General Nelson's command did not exceed seven thousand, and every man fought gallantly until compelled to retire before overwhelming numbers.

Fears are naturally entertained for the safety of Lexington, but we do not despair of an effective resistance in defence of that city. We are not prepared to state what its efficient means of resistance may be, but we have good grounds to hope that the rebels have prosecuted their raid upon our territory to the extent of their ability. They certainly must be unsupplied with provision and forage, and it seems impossible that they can be able to subsist an army in a country which has been completely devastated.

By telegraph from Cincinnati we learn that on Friday our cavalry were driven in, when Gen. Manson, with the 69th and 71st Indiana, moved up and compelled the enemy to retreat under a fire of shells. They retreated beyond Rogersville, leaving one gun behind, and Manson hivouacked on the field. On Saturday our forces advanced with two regiments and four guns, and coming up with the enemy an artillery fight began with heavy loss on both sides. The enemy attempted to turn our right flank, and sharp skirmishing occurred. The 69th Indiana advanced through a dense fire of shot and shell to the relief of the skirmishers and behaved like veterans, but the rebels finally turned our left flank and advanced in full force on our column. A retreat was then ordered, and our troops fell back three miles, and re-formed on high hills, with artillery in position on the right and left flanks. The cannonading recommenced and was kept up briskly for some time on both sides. After fighting about two hours, the enemy advanced on our right flank, under cover of dense woods, and succeeded in

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TOPPING CORN, OR CUTTING IT BY THE GROUND.—Mathew M. Howard, a correspondent of the Country Gentleman, thus writes of cornstalks as fodder:

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The following notice, in regard to the new Presbyterian paper about to be started in this city, we find in the Christian Instructor of Philadelphia:

THE PRESBYTERIAN GUARDIAN.—Such is the title of a new Presbyterian journal which is shortly to appear at Louisville, Ky., to be edited by the Rev. Fraser, who enters upon this work at the urgent solicitation of Dr. R. P. Humphrey and other leading Kentucky ministers. Mr. Fraser is a native of Eastern Ohio, of Highland Scotch descent; graduated at Jefferson College, Pa., in 1856, where he was distinguished as a debater; studied theology in the Danville seminary; was for some time pastor of a church at Nicholasville, Ky., and subsequently was settled at Newstead, near the Tennessee line, whence he was compelled in move northward on account of his Union sentiments. He is a man of ability, industry, prudence, vigorous and healthy. He will take the position left by the lamented Breckinridge.

KENTUCKY LEGISLATURE.

FRANKFORT, August 25.

SENATE.

Mr. Read, from the Committee on Revised Statutes, reported the House bill to amend art. 18, chap. 36, sec. 4, Revised Statutes.

Sheriffs and other like officers of circuit and equity courts and collecting officers of superior courts and their securities shall not be made responsible for the 30 per cent damages fee and executing executions in the time prescribed by law, if at the commencement of the proceedings the officer has fully paid the plaintiff; or, if said execution has been partly paid, then they shall be responsible for damages only on the part remaining unpaid; and, in lieu of the damages herein before given, that is changed and repealed by this act, they then shall be liable to a penalty of not less than $10 nor more than $100, for failing to return executions in the time prescribed by law.

Passed—yeas 13, nays 12.

Mr. McHenry—Judiciary—To amend an act to fix the return day of executions, reported the same, with the opinion of the committee that it should not pass.

All executions issued on replevin bonds, or bonds having the force and effect of replevin bonds, executed since the 1st of March, 1862, and prior to the 1st Monday in January, 1863, shall be made returnable to the 1st Monday in March, 1863, provided the securities in such bonds shall give their consent in writing that the execution may be made returnable to that day.

The question being taken shall the bill be rejected, it was decided in the affirmative—yeas 18, nays 5.

HOUSE.

Mr. Allen offered the following resolution, which was adopted, viz:

Resolved, That the Committee on Ways and Means be instructed to inquire into the practicability of providing for the military men of the Commonwealth five millions of money, the rate at which it could be effected, and to report at as early a day as possible.

A message from the Senate was received, announcing the passage of several House bills and the passage of several Senate bills, and the passage of the drafting bill with amendments.

Mr. T. S. Brown offered the following resolution, which was referred to the Military Committee, viz:

WHEREAS, It has been authentically represented to this Legislature that the sacred soil of Kentucky has been and is now invaded upon an armed force in the Eastern, as well as various other localities and districts in Kentucky, greatly endangering the lives, liberty, and property of her loyal citizens; and it has been further represented to this body that there have been depredations committed which is not known to civilized man; and, further, that it has been made known to this House that a large proportion of the loyal citizens have been forced to leave their homes and families and flee for safety, and are now scattered in various directions, leaving their wives, their daughters, and little ones at the mercy of these desperadoes, to be insulted and maltreated as suits their hellish instincts; therefore—

Be it resolved by this General Assembly, That the Military Committee be, and they are hereby instructed, to report a bill to this House immediately, authorizing the Governor to raise in part by draft from the four thousand troops now held to be stationed along the Virginia line, and the other parts of the State, and that said troops to be received for twelve months, if not sooner discharged, and that it shall be their business to guard the borders of the State and other portions if called upon by the Governor, and that said troops shall receive from the State Treasury a compensation equal to that received by the officers and soldiers engaged in the service of the United States; and that they be officered as required by law.

Mr. Conklin offered the following resolutions which were ordered to be printed, and referred to the Committee on Federal Relations, viz:

WHEREAS, Kentucky still adheres to the conservative principles heretofore manifested through her illustrious statesmen, Mr. Clay, and others, on the several questions that threatened the peace of the nation, and, to preserve the Union and restore peace and harmony, she has entered into the war, and is now again tendered her mediation, with an ardent desire that her brethren might be reconciled and all peace be become American citizens; but as the rebellious in the present strife have not availed, and there appear to be no alternative but to settle this unnatural strife strife by the sword, therefore—

Resolved, That in the opinion of the present General Assembly, for the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the paramount object of the Federal Government should be to suppress the rebellion, restore peace, enforce the Constitution, and restore the Government United, and that we are satisfied that the best means of accomplishing these ends is by a vigorous war policy enunciated by the President of the United States, in his proclamation and message to Congress, in the instructions of Mr. Secretary Seward to Mr. Adams, our Minister to England, and Mr. Davies, our Minister at Berne, Secretary Smith, by the President through Mr. Secretary Cameron to Gen. Butler, August, 1861; by the action of Congress and the people of Western Virginia; by Gen. Halleck to his soldiers in Tennessee, and by the resolutions moved by Mr. Thurman and Mr. Crittenden, and passed by Congress—the substance of which is appended to these resolutions, marked (A.)

That in the prosecution of the war, in our opinion, the best interests of the American people require that the military should be subservient to the civil law, except in great emergencies, when the good of the country may imperatively demand a departure for the time being.

Mr. Rousseau—A bill to raise volunteer forces to protect the borders of the State.

Provides for three regiments either of cavalry or infantry for one year for State service.

Ordered to be printed and referred to the Military Committee.

The House took up the Senate's amendments to the House bill to provide for drafting in a military force whenever the same is required.

Several amendments of the Senate were concurred in.

The bill to provide for a military force of ten thousand men for the defence of the State, and the pending instructions to be given to the committee if recommitted, were taken up.

Mr. Bell's amendment to the instructions offered by Mr. Huston was adopted.

Mr. Huston's instructions were then adopted, and the bill was recommitted to the Military Committee.

A Senate bill to amend the penal laws was taken up, read a third time, and passed.

The House bill requiring certain officers, teachers, &c., of this State to take the oath of office, and substitute offered by the committee to whom the bill was referred, were taken up.

Mr. Ireland offered an amendment to the substitute. [enlarging the oath.]

Considerable discussion arose on this amendment, in which Messrs. Rankin, Ireland, and Turner took part.

Mr. Ireland withdrew his amendment.

The substitute was adopted in lieu of the original bill.

THE SORROWS OF HINDMAN.—The following correspondence was found in a rebel mail recently captured on the St. Francis river, Arkansas:

HEADQUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT, }
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., July 19, 1862.

MAJOR: I have now at my different camps of instruction in Arkansas, and on the march to them, thirty regiments of infantry, averaging very nearly, if not quite, 1,000 men to the regiment. Of these not 3,000 are armed.

In North Louisiana I have three regiments unarmed.

In Missouri six regiments are forming for which I have no arms.

In the Indian country there are four or five regiments whose arms are worthless.

I have gathered up by purchase and impressment about all the arms in my district. It is perfectly certain that not 1,000 more guns can be obtained. If those that I have only about 800 are valuable, the balance being shotgune and common rifles.

In response to my previous appeal for arms, General Beauregard ordered turned over to my ordnance officer, Major Lockman, some 450 damaged shotguns and rifles, and sent me a worthless battery. These I have received.

Curtis is devastating Eastern Arkansas. A gunboat and transport fleet is at the mouth of the Arkansas river; a Union force of between 2,000 and 3,000 is at Clarendon, on White. Another Union column of about the same strength is in Northwest Arkansas.

If arms and ammunition were furnished me, I could do something in the way of defence—without them I am nearly powerless.

There are in this district four batteries in abundance east of the Mississippi.

These I need do not cover the fourth of my wants. I have stated the facts. Begging and complaining cannot add to their strength. Very respectfully,

T. H. HINDMAN,
Major General Commanding.

Major G. W. BRENT, Chief of Staff, headquarters Western Department, Tupelo, Miss.

May I ask that a copy of this be forwarded to the Secretary of War immediately.

T. C. H.

Of the same date with the above, the following is from Gen. Hindman to Gen. Bragg, and is marked "private:"

HEADQUARTERS TRANS-MISSISSIPPI DISTRICT, }
LITTLE ROCK, ARK., July 16, 1862.

GENERAL: I hope not to be thought importunate, but if you only could realize the troubles that are upon me, I am sure you would send Cleburne and Marmaduke to me. I stand, except my staff, absolutely *alone*. There is no one to help me. Unless I can get you give me the relief I have asked for. With those two officers and the old muskets and batteries east of the river I will be content and will trouble you no more. Very respectfully and truly,

T. C. HINDMAN,
Major-General Commanding.

Gen. BRAXTON BRAGG, commanding Western Department, Tupelo, Miss.

GENERAL ARMY REGULATIONS.

WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJ.-GEN'S OFFICE, }
WASHINGTON, August 15.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 107.—1. Officers of the Regular army will, as a general rule, receive leaves of absence to accept the rank of Colonel in volunteer regiments, but not lower grades. Non-commissioned officers and privates will be discharged on receiving commissions in volunteer regiments.

2. The oath of allegiance will not be administered to any person against his own will. It must in all cases be a voluntary act on his part, or will any obligation be entered into. If received; but oaths taken and paroles given to avoid arrest, detention, imprisonment, or expulsion, are voluntary or free acts, and cannot be regarded as compulsory. All persons guilty of violating such oaths or parole will be punished according to the laws or usages of war.

3. The laws of the United States and the general laws of war authorize, in certain cases, the seizure and conversion of private property for the subsistence, transportation, and other uses of the army; but this must be distinguished from pillage, and the taking of property for public purposes is very different from its conversion to private uses. All property lawfully taken from the enemy or from the lawful acts of the enemy's country, instantly becomes public property, and must be used and accounted for as such. The 52d article of war authorizes the penalty of death for pillaging and plundering, and other articles authorize severe punishments for any officers or soldiers who shall sell, embezzle, misapply or waste military stores, or who shall permit the waste or misapplication of the same by any such public property. The penalty is the same whether the offence be committed in our own or in the enemy's territory.

4. All property, public or private, taken from alleged enemies must be strictly regarded duly accounted for. If the property taken be claimed as private, receipts must be given to such claimants or their agents. Officers will be held strictly accountable for all property taken by them or by their authority, and it must be returned for the same as any other public property.

5. When foraging parties are sent out for provisions or other stores, the commanding officer of such party will be held accountable for the conduct of his command, and will make a true report of all property taken.

6. No officer or soldier will, without authority, leave his colors or ranks to take private property or to seize it for private purposes. The offence of such acts are punishable with death, and an officer who permits them is equally as guilty as the actual plunderer.

7. Commanding officers of armies and corps will be held responsible for the execution of these orders in their respective commands.

By command of Maj. Gen. HALLECK, General-in-Chief of the Army.

E. D. TOWNSEND,
Assistant Adjutant General.

FROM THE ARMY OF VIRGINIA.

GEN. POPE'S RETREAT—WHY AND HOW IT WAS MADE.—The Culpepper correspondent of the New York Tribune gives the following particulars of Gen. Pope's retreat.

General Pope retained his headquarters at Cedar Mountain till midnight, August 18, then mounted with his staff, and rode to Culpepper, reaching it at two. Not an inch of road that was not filled with wagons—most of them halting. Before the start, the last had passed headquarters, but only to crowd together in confusion in the darkness, and blindly grope their way over new made roads in the fields. Bivouac fires were burning everywhere; the night was clear, the starlight brilliant, and not long after twelve the moon came up; but there is a blending of light and shade on countless strange scenes which makes everything indistinct and mysterious, makes it easy to lose one's way, and almost impossible to find it. So the endless trains made little progress in the rear, and only gave promise of a worse condition in front. The General took charge in person, and his energetic efforts soon started the loitering wagons, and as he overtook successive trains, put every one quickly in motion.

There are no troops on the road at first. They have hardly begun to move; could hardly move if they tried. It is just possible for the General's cavalcade, winding its way in and out of the labyrinth of trains, and riding almost wholly out of the road, to make its way slowly forward. A regiment cannot march as a regiment till the roads are clear; nor need the troops move far on the road till the trains are well on their way. Then, as wonderful relief, for in spite of delays there is no panic among the trains, and though the troops are moving to the rear they march as if to battle. The sunlight streams out brightly, the air is cool, the day is all that can be wished if it is only long enough. But by to-day, if any means can avail it, perhaps none to-morrow, upon on the Rappahannock, before the week closes comes the deadliest struggle of the war.

☞ This fine and beautiful burst of patriotism is from the heart of a Massachusetts girl:

[For the Louisville Journal.]

A CHEER FOR THE BRAVE.

BY CAROLINE A. HOWARD.

Lift up the starred banner, the pride of a nation,
Whose bulwarks are hearts firm and true as tried steel;
Bear the standard aloft with joyous elation,
The serpent is writhing 'neath Liberty's heel!

Blest ensign of Freedom, too long has thy glory
Been dimmed by the blight of disunion and shame;
Too long has rebellion, dark treason, and perjury,
Enenam